Animals on Campus

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Applicable Legislation:
Municipal Animal Control By-laws (where applicable)

Intent
Not all members of our community feel comfortable in the presence of animals and the health and safety of some members of the community may be compromised by the presence of certain animals when at large. This policy outlines the University’s position on animals in the workplace and is applicable to all faculty, staff, students and visitors.

Policy

1. The University recognizes that some animals may cause allergic reactions in people and that some may have a genuine fear of animals. Therefore, the University must regulate the presence of pets and other animals in all University buildings and on campus grounds, in order to maintain sanitation and health regulations as well as to reduce the risk of personal injury.

2. Animals shall not be brought into any university building, even when under restraint of a leash or other control. The only exceptions to this include:
   - service animals assisting persons with disabilities;
   - research, clinical, and teaching animals used directly in support of research and teaching and/or clinical applications (see Animal Care Policy - [http://www.uoguelph.ca/research/](http://www.uoguelph.ca/research/));
   - animals participating in University approved programs or events (see Animal Care Policy - [http://www.uoguelph.ca/research/](http://www.uoguelph.ca/research/));
   - on-duty police dogs

3. Animals are not permitted to run loose on campus. Animals brought on campus should be properly licensed under the appropriate municipal by-law (where applicable) and restrained by means of a leash or other control at all times.

4. It is the responsibility of the animal owner to ensure that all animal excrement shall be cleaned-up/picked-up and discarded into an appropriate solid-waste receptacle.

5. Stray animals or those left unattended will be removed by the local Municipal Animal Control Service unit. Any costs incurred in the removal or retrieval of an animal shall be the owner’s responsibility.