



Animals on Campus Procedures Document

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1 SUBJECT

This Procedures document is part of the University's Protocol for Animals on Campus (Protocol) and provides specific information on the conditions under which Animals are permitted to be brought onto University Grounds and in Buildings by individuals for personal use.

2 DEFINITIONS

Definitions are as defined in the Animals on Campus Protocol.

3 APPROVAL REGISTRATION

3.1 Assistive Animals

- 3.1.1 Students who require the use of an Assistive Animal must register with Student Accessibility Services (SAS) and provide documentation acceptable to the University. Upon approval, SAS will ensure the animal has a visible tag or vest and will coordinate with units that restrict access of Assistive Animals.
- 3.1.2 Faculty and Staff who require the use of an Assistive Animal must register with Occupational Health and Wellness (OHW) and provide documentation acceptable to the University. Upon approval, OHW will ensure the animal has a visible tag or vest and will coordinate with units that restrict access of Assistive Animals.

3.2 Service Animals in Training

- 3.2.1 Service Animals in Training will be allowed only from the following organizations and the numbers will be limited as follows:
 - Lions Foundation of Canada (8)

- Autism Dog Services (8)
- National Service Dogs (8)

3.2.2 The organizations will be responsible for limiting the number on campus.

3.2.3 Individuals who have been approved to have a Service Animal in Training on campus must register with Campus Community Police.

4 RESPONSIBILITIES OF OWNERS/HANDLERS

It is the responsibility of the owner/handler to:

- clean up all excrement immediately;
- keep control of its Animal while on campus;
- ensure the Animal is cared for;
- ensure that visible markers are kept with an Assistive Animal or Animal in Training at all times when it is on campus; and,
- ensure their Animal:
 - does not jeopardize the health and safety of any member of the University community, including other animals;
 - Does not cause a disruption to the educational environment or business operations of the University;
 - Does not damage property or personal belongings.

5 BEHAVIOURAL EXPECTATIONS OF ASSISTIVE ANIMALS OR ANIMALS IN TRAINING

Assistive Animals or Animals in Training are required to meet minimum standards of behaviour as appropriate and as outlined below:

- Follows all instructions or commands
- Remains with the handler at all times; is adequately restrained; and, shows no sign of aggression.
- Does not react to other people or other animals (either playfully or aggressively) and is able to ignore distractions and cope with extended periods of time in the same location.
- Does not vocalize or make other noises that could be distracting.
- Does not engage in destructive behaviour.
- Relieves self in appropriate locations.
- Behaviour is consistently calm and does not show signs of aggression.

6 UNIVERSITY AUTHORITY

- 6.1 The University of Guelph retains sole discretion in determining whether an animal's behaviour is a threat to health or safety, and whether its behaviour is considered disruptive.
- 6.2 The University may decline to permit an Assistive Animal or Animal in Training on campus that violates these Procedures.
- 6.3 If an Animal is removed from campus due to a violation of these Procedures, all associated costs will be passed on to the owner.