



Animals on Campus Policy: Laurentian University

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Code of Conduct

Animals on Campus

Not all members of our university community feel comfortable in the presence of animals and in addition, the health of some members of the community is compromised by the presence at large of certain animals.

Animals required to assist in compensating for a handicap, such as blindness or deafness are present and welcome on campus but these are working animals, not pets.

The University does not encourage nor does it prohibit the presence of pets on campus under certain guidelines.

Pets (apart from working dogs) are prohibited from buildings. The University has to date relied on pet owners to be respectful of the pet and of other community members, and to take full responsibility for their pet. However, due to the possibility of negative issues concerning pets on campus, it is necessary to set out in writing a general statement of the standard of behavior expected of persons who bring pets to campus.

Code of Conduct – Animals on Campus

1. Generally, pets should not be brought to campus except for service dogs that have been trained for such activities or for teaching/ research purposes. Pets are not allowed inside of any buildings except for service dogs.

2. Persons bringing pets to campus are required to observe The City of Greater Sudbury bylaw requirements to maintain physical control over the animal by not allowing the animal to be at large.
3. Persons bringing a pet to campus should remain with their animal at all times.
4. Persons having the care or control of a pet on campus should clean up after their animal by "scooping". If accidents occur in buildings in the case of service dogs, this should be reported to caretaking for immediate clean-up.
5. Animals should not be permitted to impede normal movements of any person on campus nor be permitted to interfere with the ability of any student, employee or other person to work or study on campus.
6. Sick or non-immunized pet should not be brought on to the campus. Appropriate identification that satisfies the city's bylaws is also required.
7. All handlers of pets who intend to bring their pet on campus, including dogs used for guide dogs and animals used for assisted activities or therapy (pet therapy) are required to fill out an application and obtain a signed consent prior to bringing their pet on campus. Applications should be sent or brought to the University Veterinarian (R 105 – Animal Care Facility , extension 2438)
8. Any animals coming onto campus for display also require written consent from the University Veterinarian.
9. Any animals being used for teaching or research require University Animal Care Committee (ACC) approval prior to bringing animals on campus. Animal Use Protocols can be accessed from the Laurentian University Web Site under the Research office. Questions regarding this can be forwarded to the University Veterinarian.

Consequences and Complaints

1. Persons bringing pets on campus will be held responsible for any costs or consequences of damage caused by their pet and may be subject to discipline as is warranted and appropriate in the circumstances.
2. If a person with a pet on campus does not observe appropriate behavior and if the problem is not corrected, persons having a complaint should feel free to advise either a supervisor or the Department of Occupational Health and Safety of the problem and the name of the person concerned.
3. Any situation where municipal bylaws are not followed or if there is evidence of cruelty, security will call the agency involved, eg., municipal canine control officer or the OSPCA.
4. All pets on campus, including therapy dogs are required to exhibit a calm, non-aggressive and quiet nature. If there is evidence that the pet shows aggressive tendencies, the pet and handler will be required to leave the campus. If the pet causes a disturbance on campus, the handler and pet may be asked to leave.