



The University Of

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# Pets on Campus

Version: 4.0

Effective Date: 8/1/2017

**Policy Summary:**

In the interest of the health and safety of University community members and visitors, and for the protection and enjoyment of University property, pets are not permitted on campus.

**Applicability/Eligibility:**

Students, faculty, staff members, University visitors

**Exceptions:**

Service animals or emotional support pets pursuant to University policy on such matters;  
Exhibitions of animals for approved, college-sponsored educational sessions or events

**Policy Administration:**

Mandating Authority:

(Check all that apply)

Federal Law

University President

Other: (specify)

State Law or Regulation

Accrediting Body

**Responsible Office/Department/Committee(s):**

Name	Campus Address	Phone Number
Senior Staff	Varies	Varies

**Responsible Executive(s):**

Name	Title	Phone Number
Senior Staff	Varies	Varies

**Policy Management:****Policy History:**

Date	Version	Reason for Change
6/27/17	1.0	Initial policy draft
6/27/17	2.0	Second draft, restricting animals on campus
6/27/2017	3.0	With attorney suggestions

**Policy Approvals and Reviews:**

Date	Organizational Group
6/27/2017	Senior Staff – initial review of 1.0
6/28/17	Senior Staff reviews edited draft 4.0
6/29/17	Senior Staff approved (majority responded)

**Web Links:**

Policy Link: To be determined

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**Full Policy Text:**

This policy pertains to all on-campus, University-controlled properties, including athletic facilities, gardens, and the fountain on University drive.

Pets are not allowed on the University campus or University-controlled properties. This prohibition does not apply to individuals with service animals or individuals with a disability for which an emotional support animal has been prescribed as an accommodation for the disability, pursuant to the University's policy on such matters:

[www.ut.edu/uploadedFiles/Academics/Academic\\_Support/ACE/Student\\_Disability\\_Services/AnimalPolicy.pdf](http://www.ut.edu/uploadedFiles/Academics/Academic_Support/ACE/Student_Disability_Services/AnimalPolicy.pdf). It also does not apply to animals brought to campus for approved, college-sponsored educational sessions or events.

**Policy Violations**

A person who has a pet on campus, including in residential facilities, is financially responsible for damage caused by the pet, including cost of repair, replacement, or cleaning of facilities and furnishings, and injury caused to another person by the pet.

Faculty, staff, and students who observe violations of this policy are encouraged to inform Campus Safety or the supervisor of the appropriate department. In the case of faculty and staff members, the individual's supervisor may give the owner a written warning. In the case of students, the student will be referred to the Student Conduct Office. In the case of visitors, Campus Safety will provide a verbal warning and notification of the policy. The pet and the pet's owner may be asked to leave campus.

Animal bites should be reported to Campus Safety who will then coordinate with Human Resources or the Student Conduct Office, as appropriate.

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**Additional Information and Resources:**

[www.ut.edu/disabilities/housing/](http://www.ut.edu/disabilities/housing/)

[www.ut.edu/uploadedFiles/Academics/Academic\\_Support/ACE/Student\\_Disability\\_Services/AnimalPolicy.pdf](http://www.ut.edu/uploadedFiles/Academics/Academic_Support/ACE/Student_Disability_Services/AnimalPolicy.pdf)