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Policy: Animals on Campus  
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### **ANIMALS ON CAMPUS POLICY**

Animals brought on campus may be unpredictable, cause a nuisance, have the potential to be a safety hazard, have uncontrollable behavior and may contribute to accidents.

**With the exception of those animals that are specifically exempted by this policy, animals are not allowed on campus. Exempted Animals:**

- Service animals while performing their duties
- Fish in containers of ten gallons or less
- On-duty police dogs
- SCCCDC approved Emotional Support Animals

When exceptions are made, animals that are allowed on campus must be on a leash or caged and under the direct control of the individual responsible. Such individuals will be liable for any accident or damage caused by the animal while on campus.

Due to the risk of injury from animals to persons on campus, owners of non-exempt animals found on campus will be asked to remove them. If an unrestrained animal is sighted on campus, Security should be notified. Security staff will request the owner to remove the animal or will call the local authorities for the animal to be impounded. When appropriate, other disciplinary measures may be invoked.

Exceptions may be granted for events involving animals; exceptions for events must be requested through the Campus Events office.

Exceptions for animals in the Child Care Center or in support of a credit or non-credit course must be approved by the office of the Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs.