

PETS ON CAMPUS

POLICY SUMMARY

To promote the safety of all University community members, a healthful campus environment, and increased maintenance efficiency, NAU prohibits Pets inside all University-controlled buildings or facilities with the exception of fish in containers of up to five gallons. Service and Assistance Animals and animals used in approved research activities or performances are not defined as Pets for purposes of this policy. All Pets that enter University grounds must be leashed and accompanied at all times, and must meet all local licensing and vaccination requirements. Pet owners or handlers must clean up after and properly dispose of their animal's waste and are responsible for any damage or harm their animal or its presence may cause.

REASON FOR THIS POLICY

This policy supports NAU's commitment to maintaining a healthful educational environment that respects the rights of all individuals and the overall safety of the University community.

ENTITIES AFFECTED BY THIS POLICY

- All academic and administrative units
- Facility Services
- NAU Police Department

WHO SHOULD KNOW THIS POLICY

- Academic and administrative unit supervisors
- All faculty, staff, students
- Visitors and guests
- Building managers and campus safety officials
- NAU Police officers and supervisors

DEFINITIONS

Pet: a domesticated, tamed, or other animal kept for companionship or pleasure. For purposes of this policy, Pets do not include Service or Assistance Animals, police dogs, or animals used in approved research activities or approved performances.

POLICY

A. Limitations

Pets, except for fish in containers of five gallons maximum, are prohibited inside all University-controlled buildings or facilities. Pets on University grounds must be leashed or otherwise restrained and kept under direct, physical control by their owner or handler at all times and must meet all local licensing and vaccination requirements. Pet owners or handlers are responsible for cleaning up after their animal, for properly disposing of its waste, and for any harm or damage the animal or its presence may cause. The University may seek restitution for animal-related damage to University-controlled property or facilities. All costs associated with harm or damage caused by a Pet are the sole responsibility of the animal's owner or handler.

B. Unattended Animals, Public Threat or Nuisance

Pets may not be tethered to any object or left unattended for any length of time, including in a vehicle. The University may contact an animal control officer to collect unattended animals found on University-controlled property. Pets that create a public threat or nuisance (e.g., aggressive behavior or excessive barking) or that otherwise disrupt the University's normal functioning must be removed.

C. Enforcement

Primary responsibility for enforcing this policy shall rest with 1) academic deans, chairs, and faculty for all academic and research spaces; and 2) department heads, directors, and supervisors for all administrative spaces. The NAU Police Department will respond to and investigate as appropriate reports of unattended or loose animals on campus or animal bites or attacks. Violations of this policy by members of the public may result in their ejection from University-controlled property.

D. Investigation and Adjudication

Violations of this policy are subject to disciplinary action. Violations by students will be investigated and adjudicated in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct. Violations by faculty or staff will be reviewed in accordance with Arizona Board of Regents and NAU policies and procedures that govern employee conduct.

RESPONSIBILITIES

Academic and administrative unit supervisors: enforce the no Pets policy in their areas of responsibility.

NAU Police Department: responds to and investigates as appropriate reports of loose or unattended animals or animal bites or attacks on campus.

PROCEDURES

To report a loose or unattended animal on campus or an animal bite or attack, contact the NAU Police Department at 928-523-3611, or dial 911 in an emergency.

RELATED INFORMATION

Forms or Tools

There are no forms or tools associated with this policy.

Cross-References

[Service and Assistance Animals](#)

[Standards of Residence](#)

Sources

None.

APPENDIX

None.