

BP 3440 Animals on Campus

References:

Previous BP 202

ORS 653.616(5)

Occupational Safety and Health Administration Regulations

The College prohibits staff, faculty, students, contractors, visitors, and volunteers from taking pets or other animals into any College building or facility.

Animals other than those approved by the president or designee for scientific or educational purposes are restricted on the College campus to provide a safe and a healthful environment for members of the campus community to study, work and live, to preserve the flora, fauna, and natural beauty of the campus, to comply with local animal ordinances, and to ensure public safety. Pets and other animals can pose a threat to the health and safety of the campus community as well as to a healthful educational environment through allergy, excessive noise, animal bites, and disease transmission (fleas, ticks, viruses, parasites, etc.). Individuals with disabilities are at particular risk. In addition to the potential to cause health hazards, animals can be unpredictable, have uncontrollable behavior, and can contribute to accidents in the workplace.

All members of the campus community are required to comply with all aspects of this policy. Employees and students who fail to comply or who interfere with the implementation of this policy, including relocation of animals, will be subject to corrective or disciplinary action.

This Animals on Campus policy is applicable to all staff, faculty, students, contractors, visitors, and volunteers who access campus buildings, facilities, grounds, campuses, and property. This policy applies not only to dogs but also to other common animals including horses, birds, cats, mice, gerbils, amphibians, reptiles, and ferrets.

The College may require any person with an animal to remove it from campus grounds. College staff are asked to inform anyone with an animal in a college building to remove it. Beyond that, staff should refer the person to HR or the Facilities Director. The campus community is required to abide by this policy and by the relevant local government laws and ordinances regarding dog and cat management.

In the event that a visitor who is not a regular member of the campus community brings an animal to the campus, they will be asked to remove it. If a person enters College property outside of the building with an animal, they shall ensure that the pet under their control, remains restrained on a leash 6 feet or less at all times, will not be left fastened to stationery objects, and will be under effective control while on campus grounds. Any dog, cat, or other animal brought to campus must be licensed and fully inoculated in accordance with Tillamook County regulations, with the burden of proof on the owner.

Fecal matter deposited by any dog, cat, or other animal brought to campus must be removed immediately and disposed of properly by the owner. The burden is on the animal user to arrange for removal of fecal matter if they are personally unable to perform the task. Animal owners are financially responsible for any damage caused by their pets.

Exceptions to these guidelines are detailed in the corresponding AR 3440.

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