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Policy Overview:

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In order to provide for the health, safety and welfare of all persons on property owned or controlled by University of Health Sciences and Pharmacy in St. Louis, the following rules are established to control "Domestic & Companion" animals on University property. This Policy does not apply to animals approved for research by the IACUC.

Applies to University of Health Sciences and Pharmacy in St. Louis faculty, staff, students and guests.

Definitions:

Term	Definition
Domestic & Companion Animals	Includes those animals that have been tamed and made fit for a human environment as described by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and as required by federal, state and/or local law. The definition of "Domestic and Companion" animal does not include the following: all felines (other than the domestic house cat), nonhuman primates, bears, wolves, coyotes, foxes and venomous reptiles, cattle, horses, goats, mules, sheep, swine, camels, llamas, other livestock animals typically raised on a farm or ranch, geese, ducks, chickens, turkeys, other fowl, any crossbreeds or hybrids of such animals, and any other animal designated by federal, state or local officials as a dangerous animal, nondomestic animal, wild animal, or exotic animal.
Service animal	As defined by Title II and Title III of the ADA: A service animal means any dog that is individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability, including a physical, sensory, psychiatric, intellectual, or other mental disability. Tasks performed can include, among other things, pulling a wheelchair, retrieving dropped items, alerting a person to a sound, reminding a person to take medication, or pressing an elevator button. Emotional support animals, comfort animals, and therapy dogs are not service animals under Title II and Title III of the ADA. A psychiatric service animal is a dog that is individually trained for people with an emotional or psychiatric disability so severe that it substantially limits his/her ability to perform at least one major life task. PSDs are considered service animals.
Emotional Support animal	An emotional support animal (ESA) is an animal that has been prescribed for a person by his/her licensed therapist (a licensed mental health professional) in a properly formatted letter. This letter should state that the person is determined to be emotionally or psychiatrically disabled and that the presence of the animal is necessary for the disabled person's mental health. An emotional support animal can sometimes be referred to as a support animal, assistance animal, helper animals, assist animals

Procedures:

No animals, including Domestic & Companion animals, are permitted within buildings on property owned or controlled by University of Health Sciences and Pharmacy in St. Louis, with the exception of approved service or emotional support animals that provide

assistance to persons with disabilities or those otherwise approved through the Office of Environmental Health and Safety (EH&S) in consultation with Human Resources, Residential Life, Student Success Center and the Office of General Counsel, when appropriate. For additional information on the definition of service animals and emotional support animals and the process for requesting approval for such animals, please visit:

If you are a **student**:

Student Success Center

https://my.stlcop.edu/dept/office_studentsurveys/SitePages/Home.aspx

If you are a **faculty or staff member**:

Office of Human Resources

<https://my.stlcop.edu/hr/Pages/default.aspx>

Domestic & Companion, service, and emotional support animals are permitted on University of Health Sciences and Pharmacy in St. Louis grounds but shall not be left unattended. No other animals are permitted onto the grounds of University of Health Sciences and Pharmacy in St. Louis, except as otherwise approved by the Office of Environmental Health and Safety and any other necessary University offices as specified by EH&S.

All authorized animals on the grounds of University of Health Sciences and Pharmacy in St. Louis must be on a leash, rope or lead of not more than six (6) feet in length and held by a responsible person. If a leash or rope is not feasible due to the size or type of animal, the animal must be otherwise contained such that it is not able to roam freely on the grounds.

Any person bringing a Domestic or Companion animal onto the grounds of University of Health Sciences and Pharmacy in St. Louis shall be responsible for removal of any excrement or feces deposited by the animal, as well as the cleanup of any other waste products or damages done by the animal to University of Health Sciences and Pharmacy in St. Louis property.

Student group events involving any animals, including Domestic & Companion animals, are not permitted on University of Health Sciences and Pharmacy in St. Louis grounds.

The Handler is responsible for constant supervision and care of the animal. If an animal behaves in an unacceptable way, the animal must be removed from university grounds. University of Health Sciences and Pharmacy in St. Louis has the right to deny access to a domestic animal that disrupts business.

Responsibilities:

Position/Office/Department	Responsibility
Student Success Center	Review and approval from students on the need for service or emotional support animals.
Office of Human Resources	Review and approval from staff and faculty upon the request for a service or emotional support animal.
Office of Environmental Health and Safety	Support role for Student Success and Human Resources and making reasonable accommodations to those with service or emotional support animals.

Resources:

Service and Emotional Support Animals Policy and Guidelines

Animal Welfare Guidelines for Use in Research

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