

	Responsible Executive: Vice President for Capital Planning and Campus Operations	
	Responsible Office: Facility Services	
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	Policy Title: Pets on Campus	

Definitions

Pet: A domesticated, tamed, or other animal kept for companionship or pleasure. For the 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 may 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.

Related Information*

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.

NAU Policies

[Service and Assistance Animals](#)

[Campus Living Policies](#)

Policy History*

11/7/2018: Policy revised.

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