

Memo To: All UH-Downtown/PS Holders

UH-Downtown/PS 02.B.15

From: William Flores, President

Issue No. 2

Effective date: 03/09/2015

Subject: Animals on Campus

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1. PURPOSE

This policy defines efforts to control and minimize the potential risks of animals on campus as required by [SAM 01.C.12, Animals on the Component University Campuses](#). It does not apply to service animals or animals used for teaching and research.

2. DEFINITIONS

There are no definitions associated with this policy.

3. POLICY

- 3.1 The presence of animals at the University may pose a safety concern, which places the University at risk of a potential liability.
- 3.2 Dogs, cats and other pets are not permitted in campus buildings, grounds or parking lots.
- 3.3 Police dogs and service dogs used by individuals with disabilities are permitted in campus buildings, grounds and/or parking lots.
- 3.4 Owners of service dogs are required to exercise reasonable control over their dogs in order to minimize risks to others and property. Dog owners must have a valid dog license as evidence of the dog's current rabies vaccinations.
- 3.5 All service dog owners are required to clean up after their animals.
- 3.6 Sightings of injured, abandoned or wild animals (e.g., rats, snakes, birds) should be reported to the University Police Department and/or the Office of Environmental Health and Safety.

4. PROCEDURES

- 4.1 The owner of any pet, excluding police and service dogs, brought to any campus building, grounds or parking lot, will be requested to remove the animal immediately. Failure to comply with this request may result in the animal being impounded and possible disciplinary action taken against the employee or student. See [PS 02.B.03, Discipline and Dismissal of Regular Staff Employees Policy](#) and [PS 04.A.01, Student Rights and Responsibility](#).

5. EXHIBITS

There are no exhibits associated with this policy.

6. REVIEW PROCESS

Responsible Party: (Reviewer): Vice President for Employment Services and Operations and Dean of Students

Review: Every three years on or before May 1st.

Signed original on file in Employment Services and Operations.

7. POLICY HISTORY

Issue #1: 05/01/10

8. REFERENCES

[UH System Administrative Memorandum 01.C.12](#)

[PS 02.B.03](#)

[PS 04.A.01](#)