
ANIMALS PROHIBITED POLICY

Category: Events and Facilities

Responsible Office: Finance and Management, VP Office

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POLICY SUMMARY

This policy safeguards the health and welfare of the SUNY Buffalo State community, preserves the integrity of the buildings and grounds, and supports a healthful educational and work environment that respects the rights of individuals.

POLICY

Policy Statement

In general, pets and other animals are prohibited on the SUNY Buffalo State campus, in all SUNY Buffalo State buildings and athletic facilities, and at outdoor events, unless otherwise permitted by this or another SUNY Buffalo State policy.

New York State Code 9 CRR-NY 300-3.1 (k) states: No person shall introduce or possess any animals within a State facility except for service animals and police and fire dogs under the control of their handler, without authorization from the commissioner. No person shall abandon an animal on State property.

The following types of animals are permitted on Buffalo State property, including college buildings, athletic facilities, and outdoor events, when necessary and appropriate:

- a. Service animals, as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act;
- b. Assistance, support, or therapy animals, when determined by the [Disability Services Office](#) to constitute a reasonable accommodation for an individual's documented disability;
- c. Animals used by law enforcement or emergency personnel in the exercise of their official duties;
- d. Animals used for research in compliance with all applicable laws, regulations and other college policies, and teaching activities that are part of an approved curriculum; and
- e. Short term visits of animals under the control of a qualified handler, when such visits are not in conflict with, and advance the educational mission of the college; and do not infringe upon, delay, or conflict with the normal operation of the campus; by special permission only, and with proper insurance and permitting. Contact VPFM@buffalostate.edu with questions.

Rules regarding pets in residence halls are stated in the [Residence Life Policies](#).

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Applicability

This policy applies to all members of the SUNY Buffalo State community including, but not limited to, employees, students, visitors and contractors who utilize, visit, or work on the campus at 1300 Elmwood Avenue, or any other physical location for which SUNY Buffalo State is responsible.

Definitions

NYS Code: 9 CRR-NY 300-1.2 (e)(o)

Disability -

- (1) a physical, mental or medical impairment resulting from anatomical, physiological, genetic or neurological conditions which prevents the exercise of a normal bodily function or is demonstrable by medically accepted clinical or laboratory diagnostic techniques;
- (2) a record of such an impairment; or
- (3) a condition regarded by others as such an impairment.

Service animal - Any guide dog, signal dog, or other animal individually trained to do work or perform task for the benefit of an individual with a disability.

RELATED INFORMATION

Related Link:

[NYS Code: 9 CRR-NY 300-3.1 \(k\) and NYS Code: 9 CRR-NY 300-1.2 \(e\)\(o\).](#)

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APPROVAL

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