

# NSAC Pet Animal Policy

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This policy has been written to ensure the biosafety of the NSAC campus and the safety of faculty, staff, students, and visitors at NSAC.

We welcome visitors to NSAC to admire the beauty of our campus. However, we are also concerned with protecting the safety of those on campus with respect to stray or unleashed animals. Pet animals may pose a physical threat, create a disturbance, foul buildings and grounds, cause allergic reactions, and are a potential source of infection to valuable research animals.

The NSAC Animal Policy applies to all animals kept as pets. Service dogs for persons with hearing, sight, or mobility impairments are exempt from this policy. The use of animals for teaching and research is addressed via the animal care committee. Residence students will follow animal regulations as outlined within their residence agreement.

The following rules shall apply to all animals, except as excluded above:

1. Pets shall not be permitted inside nor tied outside of academic, administrative, or service buildings at any time. This applies during regular working hours, after hours, and weekends.
2. The pet owner must, at all times, act in accordance with county by-laws regarding domestic pet animals. As such, owners must:
  - ensure that pet is leashed at all times
  - remove all animal waste deposited on University property
3. When pets are on University property, the owner shall be solely responsible for the actions of the pet, including any damage or injury incurred. Pets that pose a nuisance by barking or that pose a threat to individuals on campus shall not be permitted to remain on University property.
4. Upon complaint by a member of the University community, the Safety & Security office will investigate and initiate action to foster compliance with this policy.
5. Pets on university property must be accompanied by a responsible person. If any animal is or appears to be a stray, or if the owner cannot be found or determined upon investigation by Safety & Security, Animal Control will be contracted to initiate removal of the animal.