Dogs/Animals on Campus Property

Responsible Executive: Vice Chancellor-Administration & Finance

Responsible Office: UCPD Crime Prevention Unit
510-642-3722

Contact: UCPD Safety Programs Officer
police@berkeley.edu, 510-642-3722

Policy Statement

For campus buildings: to avoid unnecessary disruption of campus business, dogs and other animals are not allowed inside UC-owned or UC-leased buildings, except as specifically permitted below. This policy does not apply to University of California housing environments; refer to the campus policy on Dogs/Animals on University Housing Property.

For campus open spaces, green spaces, plazas, and pathways: all individuals on the UC Berkeley campus (the area defined by Hearst Avenue on the North, Oxford Street/Fulton Avenue on the west, Bancroft Way on the south, and Gayley Road/Piedmont Avenue on the east) shall keep dogs or other animals on a leash. The leash shall not exceed six feet in length. Additionally, owners/guardians of leashed animals must hold the leash and cannot tether the leash to an object. Tethering discretion will be given during special circumstances, such as for a mother breast-feeding a child or for a person operating a wheelchair when accompanied by a service dog.

The following are permitted inside UC-owned or UC-leased buildings:

- Service dogs (such as Seeing Eye dogs outlined in the Campus Animals as Accommodations Guide), and
- Animals approved by UCPD and the employee’s supervisor, if necessary to accomplish work-related purposes of the employee’s job.

The following are exempt from this policy:

- Police dogs, and
- Animals involved in teaching and research projects subject to the provisions of an Animal Use Protocol reviewed and approved by the Animal Care and Use Committee.
All animals on campus property must conform to the following requirements. With respect to animals whose presence on campus property must be approved by UCPD, UCPD may refuse to approve or may withdraw approval if previously given if an animal fails to conform to any of the following requirements:

- Must be free from offensive odors and infectious diseases.
- Must conduct itself in a manner appropriate to a campus environment (for example, must be potty-trained).
- Must not engage in behavior that disrupts or interferes with campus purposes (for example, by barking).
- Must not endanger the health or safety of others. Aggressive behavior toward, or interference with function of, the service dog of a person with a disability is a threat to the safety of the person with the disability and is not permitted. An attack on a service animal is automatic grounds to permanently bar the attacking animal from campus property.

**Scope of Policy**

This policy affects:

- All members of the campus community, including administrators, faculty, staff, and students.
- All non-affiliates, including but not limited to contractors, tenants, guests, and visitors.

**Why We Have This Policy**

The Berkeley campus is intensively developed. At peak times, more than 45,000 people are visiting, working, and studying within its 180-acre central area. Because campus property is used by a multi-purpose community and by a wide variety of people, policy is needed to describe when and how animals may be appropriately integrated in a way that does not disrupt or interfere with the University of California’s mission as an institution of academic learning and research.

UC property is a public trust per the California Constitution, therefore private property laws apply. Individuals not affiliated with the University must abide by the Regulations Governing Conduct of Non-Affiliates in the Buildings and on the Grounds of the University of California.

**Procedures**

Individuals may contact UCPD at 510-642-6760 to report violations of this policy. Handlers may email exemption requests to police@berkeley.edu.
Definitions

Service Animal: A dog that has been individually trained to do work or perform tasks for a person with a disability. The task(s) performed by the dog must be directly related to the person’s disability.

Responsibilities

UCPD:

- Responds to campus complaints pertaining to dogs/animals and enforce this policy or applicable laws as appropriate. UCPD may ask whether the animal is required because of a disability and what work the animal is trained to perform.

- Collaborates with exempted handlers to identify any threat or disruption to the campus environment. UCPD collaboration may include contacting suite-mates, immediate or adjacent co-workers, supervisors, building managers, the Disabled Students Program, disability compliance officers, the Risk Services Office, and others with relevant expertise.

- Works with exempted handlers for registration compliance standards with the National Service Animal Registry and compliance with campus guidelines for visible tags and marking standards.

The handler of an animal:

- Appropriately disposes of animal waste.

- Compensates the damaged party for any bodily injury or property damage caused by the animal.

Consequences of Violating This Policy

University affiliates may be disciplined under appropriate policies, including but not limited to the Faculty Code of Conduct, the Student Code of Conduct, the University of California’s Standards of Ethical Conduct, Personnel Policies for Staff Members, or an applicable collective bargaining agreement.

Non-affiliates may be disciplined per criminal statutes, such as California Penal Codes, California Health & Safety Codes, or the California Code of Regulations.

Web Site Address for This Policy

http://campuspol.berkeley.edu/policies/dogsonproperty.pdf