

Pets on Campus Policy

General. It is prohibited to bring dogs, cats and other pets into any University-controlled building (including educational and housing facilities), except as set forth below. Any prohibited pets must be removed immediately by the owner or the University will have the pet removed by Animal Control or otherwise. This policy applies to faculty, staff, visitors, contractors, and applicants for admission to or employment with the University. Violators of this policy may be subject to University disciplinary procedures.

Exemptions. The following animals are permitted within University-controlled buildings:

1. Service animals, such as a guide dog or signal dog
2. Emotional support animals – but only in University residence halls in accordance with the University’s Emotional Support Animal Policy
3. On-duty police K-9s or rescue dogs
4. As otherwise expressly approved by the University in furtherance of its educational mission, in consultation with the Office of the General Counsel

Although these animals are permitted within University-controlled buildings, they must remain under the full control of the owner at all times. They must be maintained by the owner (e.g., kept clean, free from fleas or ticks, etc.) and may not create safety hazards for other people. Local and state ordinances and laws regarding animals apply, including requirements for immunizations, licensing, noise, restraint, and dangerous animals. The care and supervision of these animals are the sole responsibility of the owner, and the owner is fully responsible for the animal’s behavior, including removal of any waste of the animal and financial responsibility for all damage to property or injury to persons caused by the animal.

The University retains the right to take action to remove any animal from University premises if it determines that the safety or health of others, destruction of property, or disturbance warrants such removal.

To the extent practicable, the owner is encouraged to notify the University Security Department prior to bringing a permitted animal into a University-controlled building.

Violation Reporting. To report the presence of an animal in violation of this Policy, please call the University Security Department (security@yu.edu).

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50 East 34th Street, 1st Floor

(917) 326-4885

24-Hour Hotline: 1-888-STERN YU (1-888-783-7698)

Cardozo School of Law Security Department

55 Fifth Avenue (Basement)

(212) 790-0303 or (212) 790-0308

Wilf Campus Security Department

2521 Amsterdam Avenue (1st Floor)

(212) 960-5221

24-Hour Hotline: 212.960.5200 (in-house Ext. 200) or 1-888-YU SAFTY (1-888-987-2389)