

# NIPISSING UNIVERSITY

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## A. PURPOSE

This policy provides guidelines and direction regarding the conditions under which it is acceptable for domestic animals to be present on University Property and to ensure that all faculty, staff, students and visitors are provided with an environment with minimal animal allergens and risk of injury.

## B. SCOPE

This policy applies to all individuals who use University Property and facilities. This program does not apply to service animals, service animals in training or animals used for research and teaching.

## C. POLICY

### DEFINITIONS

#### University Property

University Property is defined as any University owned, leased, rented or controlled building, residence, outdoor space or vehicle.

### RESPONSIBILITIES

#### 1. Supervisors

- Ensure domestic animals are not present on University Property in order to minimize risk to the animal, the University community or visitors.

- Allow animals used primarily for teaching and research to access University Property in accordance with the Nipissing University Policy on the Care and Use of Animals in Research and Teaching.
- Ensure that exemptions to this policy relating to Service Animals and Service Animals in Training are respected.
- Advise Security Services when they become aware of any animal being used, housed or accommodated in any University Property.
- Advise Residence staff when they become aware of any animal being used, housed or accommodated in any student housing environment.

## **2. Faculty, Staff, Students and Visitors**

Individuals who own domestic animals:

- Shall not bring domestic animals to work or in any manner, use, house or accommodate the animals in any University Property.
- Ensure that exemptions to this policy relating to Service Animals and Service Animals in Training are respected.

## **3. Security Services**

Security and Parking Services:

- When advised that an unauthorized animal is being used, housed or accommodated in University Property, communicate the violation to the animal's owner. A violation may be subject to disciplinary action or restriction on campus.
- Ensure that exemptions to this policy relating to Service Animals and Service Animals in Training are respected.

Any animal left unattended or unrestrained will be removed at the owner's expense to minimize risk to other animals on leashes and members of the University community.

## **RELATED DOCUMENTS**

### **1. Internal Resources**

- Customer Service to Persons Who Use Service Animals Guidelines
- Nipissing University Policy on the Care and Use of Animals in Research and Teaching
- Nipissing University Health and Safety Policy Statement

- Nipissing University Residence Code of Conduct

## **2. External Resources**

- Occupational Health and Safety Act of Ontario, R.S.O. 1990
- Canadian Council on Animal Care Guide to the Care and Use of Experimental Animals (Volume 1, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition)
- Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA)