

MARSHALL UNIVERSITY BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Policy No. GA-15

ANIMALS ON CAMPUS

1 General Information.

- 1.1 Scope: This policy establishes the restriction of pets and other animals on campus in order to provide a safe and a healthful environment for members of the campus community to study, work, and live.
- 1.2 Passage Date: April 30, 2009
- 1.3 Effective Date: April 30, 2009
- 1.4 References: Huntington City Ordinance 507

2 Definitions.

- 2.1 Domestic Animal: Any bird, reptile, feline or any other mammal kept as a pet. Fish are exempt from this definition
- 2.2 Dog Owner: Anyone who brings a dog on campus
- 2.3 Dog: A domesticated dog
- 2.4 Service Animal: any animal individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability, including but not limited to, guiding individuals with impaired vision, alerting individuals to an impending seizure or protecting individuals during one, alerting individuals who are hearing impaired to danger or pulling a wheelchair and fetching dropped items

3 Policy.

- 3.1 Marshall University is committed to the safety and well being of its employees and students with the ultimate goal of providing the safest working and learning environment possible for our employees, students and visitors. The University also recognizes the important role domestic animals can play in the lives of employees and students. At the same time, domestic animals are not suitable to bring on campus because: 1) individuals may have fears or allergies associated with certain domestic animals; 2) domestic animals may be a nuisance and a distraction in the learning/working environment; and 3) are often unpredictable and can exhibit uncontrollable behavior. All of these factors present both a safety and a health hazard for the university community.
- 3.2 Animals on Campus, in Work Areas, and in Buildings.
 - 3.2.1 Only service animals are permitted in any building at any time. Dogs, cats and other domestic animals may not enter campus buildings, including residence, academic and administrative buildings.
 - 3.2.2 Service animals are authorized throughout campus at all times.
 - 3.2.3 No domestic animal, as defined in this document, other than a dog or service animal, may be on university grounds at any time.
- 3.3 Areas of Campus Where and When Dogs Are Permitted.

- 3.3.1 Dogs are permitted outdoors on university property at all times, subject to the requirements of the section 3.4.
- 3.4 Dog Owner's Responsibilities.
 - 3.4.1 Whenever a dog is on the university's campus in accordance with this policy, the dog must be kept on a leash and under the control and possession of the owner at all times. The dog owner is responsible for caring for the dog, ensuring the safe and responsible behavior of the dog, and preventing the dog from chasing wildlife on campus. No person shall bring, at any time, a dog, including a service dog, onto university owned or controlled property unless the dog has current immunization against disease, including rabies, distemper and parvovirus. All dogs must wear a rabies vaccination tag. The dog owner is also responsible for cleaning up and properly disposing of waste the dog leaves in outdoor areas of campus.
- 3.5 Policy Enforcement.
 - 3.5.1 Marshall University Office of Public Safety will enforce any violation of this policy. This policy has been written in accordance with Huntington City Ordinance 507.

4 Exceptions

- 4.1 The president of the University, or his designee, may make exceptions to this policy for academic and other reasons as may be deemed appropriate.