



2.11.1 *Animals on University Property*

To promote a healthy and safe environment for the university community, the University of San Diego prohibits the presence of pets and other animals in all buildings, residence halls, athletic fields, outside dining areas, or other facilities that are owned, leased, operated or maintained by the university. Pets and other animals are not permitted at university events.

Dogs are permitted on roads and outdoor grounds (other than those specified above) on the university campus, provided they are on a leash. The owner is responsible for controlling the animal's behavior and for promptly removing and disposing of the animal's waste. All dogs on campus must be tagged, licensed, and vaccinated in accordance with California law. Dogs may not be tied to trees or other structures and may not be left unattended.

The following animals are not subject to this policy:

- Guide dogs, signal dogs, or other animals trained to provide assistance to an individual with a disability;
- Animals specifically approved by the cognizant department or school for academic research or other educational or public safety activities conducted at the university;
- Classroom pets at the Manchester Child Development Center;
- Fish in an aquarium not to exceed 10 gallons;
- Pets that were approved prior to the effective date of this policy and that are owned by employees who live in Residential Life housing; and
- Pets of employees who live in university-owned housing (other than Residential Life housing)

Individuals who bring unauthorized animals to university events or into university buildings or onto university property or who fail to properly supervise and/or control their animals will be asked to remove them. Public Safety officers may remove unattended or unrestrained animals from university property and may transport them to the San Diego County Animal Shelter if the owner cannot be readily located.

For employees and students, violation of this policy may result in disciplinary action up to and including termination, as appropriate under the circumstances. Others who violate this policy may be required to leave the campus.

All animals on university property, including those that are otherwise excepted from this policy, will be treated in a manner consistent with applicable law.

To report the presence of an animal on university property in violation of this policy, please contact the Department of Public Safety.

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