



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, except as set forth below. 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 and under the owner's control at all times. 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 permitted:

- Guide dogs, signal dogs, or other dogs (or in some cases, miniature horses) trained to provide assistance to an individual with a disability, and service dogs in training that are accompanied by an individual licensed or otherwise authorized to train the dog for such purposes;
- Emotional support animals approved as a reasonable accommodation for residents with disabilities in University housing or for employees with disabilities. For more information, contact the Office of Residential Life or Human Resources.
- 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 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 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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