

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON, BOTHELL

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OVERVIEW

The University recognizes that some students with disabilities may have service animals that are trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual, including, but not limited to, guiding individuals with impaired vision, alerting individuals who are hearing impaired to intruders or sounds, pulling a wheelchair, or fetching dropped items.

The University also understands that some students may bring their animals “pets” to the campus and that wild / feral animals may select the campus grounds as their habitat. However, the University considers the safety and health of University of Washington, Bothell and Cascadia Community College faculty, staff, and students to be of utmost priority.

POLICY

This policy applies to all animals on campus not related to instructional activity.

The abandonment of animals on campus grounds is strictly forbidden.

Domestic animals and pets found tethered, unattended, or abandoned will be humanely impounded in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations.

Domestic animals and pets may be permitted to be confined in vehicles parked on campus for a reasonable period of time, as long as the animal is not endangered and does not endanger others or create a public nuisance, e.g., excessive barking. In the event of endangerment to the animal or others, or public nuisance, the animal's owner will be cited.

Service Animals:

- The American with Disabilities Act of 1990 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 are key laws that protect the rights of students with disabilities. These laws mandate equal access for individuals with disabilities to all of the programs, courses, and activities offered by the University.

- Service animals are animals trained to assist people with disabilities in the activities of normal living. The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) definition of service animals is ". . . 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 who are hearing impaired to intruders or sounds, providing minimal protection or rescue work, pulling a wheelchair, or fetching dropped items." If an animal meets this definition, it is considered a service animal regardless of whether it has been licensed or certified by a state or local government or a training program.
- The ADA, Washington State and University of Washington policy allows service animals accompanying persons with disabilities to be on the University of Washington, Bothell campus. A service animal must be permitted to accompany a person with a disability everywhere on campus.
- This policy differentiates "service animals" from "pets," describes types of service dogs, denotes campus locations that are off-limits to service animals, and sets behavioral guidelines for service animals.

Areas off limits to Service Animals

Research Laboratories: The natural organisms carried by dogs and other animals may negatively affect the outcome of the research. At the same time, the chemicals and/or organisms used in the research may be harmful to service animals.

Mechanical Rooms/Custodial Closets: Mechanical rooms, such as boiler rooms, facility equipment rooms, electric closets, elevator control rooms and custodial closets, are off-limits to service animals. The machinery and/or chemicals in these rooms may be harmful to animals.

Areas Where Protective Clothing is Necessary: Any room where protective clothing is worn is off-limits to service animals. Examples impacting students include the wood shop and metal/machine shop.

Areas Where There is a Danger to the Service Animal: Any room, including a classroom, where there are sharp metal cuttings or other sharp objects on the floor or protruding from a surface; where there is hot material on the floor (e.g., wood and metal shops and physical plant) where there is a high level of dust; or where there is moving machinery

is off-limits to service animals.

Domestic animals – “Pets”

- Dogs, cats, and other animals must be under control while on campus grounds, and restrained by a leash or chain that does not exceed 6 feet in length and that is in the hands of a responsible person.
- Any dog, cat, or other animal brought to campus must be licensed and fully inoculated, with the burden of proof on the owner.
- Fecal matter deposited by any dog, cat, or other animal brought to campus must be removed immediately by the owner. There are containers with plastic bags distributed throughout campus for the pet owner’s convenience.
- Dogs, cats, and other animals may not enter campus buildings, including all residence and non-residence buildings.
- This paragraph does not apply to service animals, as defined by Washington State Code, accompanying a disabled person or an authorized guide dog, signal dog, or service dog trainer.

Wild or feral animals on Campus:

This policy is also intended to help maintain the delicate balance required to sustain all wildlife on the campus grounds without human intervention, rather than to protect any one species of animal. The achievement of such balance requires the cooperation of all members of the campus community.

- Wild or feral animals that are not a risk and do not represent a hazard, cause property damage, or create a public nuisance, and that do not involve human intervention, will be allowed to inhabit the campus grounds.
- Prohibited human intervention includes, but is not limited to, feeding, chasing or building of shelters.
- Wild or feral animals that are a potential risk, represent a hazard, cause property damage, create a nuisance, or otherwise pose a potential conflict for humans will be regulated, controlled, and humanely relocated in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations.



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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

UWB Disabled Student Services: <http://www.uwb.edu/students/services/dss/>

Other UW Resources: <http://www.uwb.edu/community/access/resources.html>