

West Virginia University at Parkersburg Board of Governors

**POLICY F-59
ANIMALS ON CAMPUS**

Section 1: General

- 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 and work.
- 1.2 Authority. W. Va. Code [§18B-1-6](#)
- 1.3 Effective Date. April 16, 2012

Section 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: A dog that is individually trained to do work or perform tasks for a person with a disability.

Section 3: Policy.

- 3.1 Animals on Campus, in Work Areas, and in Buildings.
 - 3.1.1 Only service animals are permitted in any building at any time. Dogs, cats and other domestic animals may not enter campus buildings.
 - 3.1.2 Service animals are authorized throughout campus in accordance with WVU at Parkersburg's [Guidelines for the Use of a Service Animal](#).
 - 3.1.3 No domestic animal, as defined in this document, other than a dog or service animal, may be on college grounds at any time.
- 3.2 Areas of Campus Where and When Dogs Are Permitted.
 - 3.2.1 Dogs are permitted outdoors on college property at all times, subject to the requirements of Section 3.3.

3.3 Dog Owner's Responsibilities.

3.3.1 Whenever a dog is on the college'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 college 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.

3.4 Policy Enforcement.

3.4.1 West Virginia University at Parkersburg Campus Police and Security will enforce any violation of this policy.

Section 4: Exceptions

4.1 The institution's president, or the president's designee, may make exceptions to this policy for academic and other reasons as may be deemed appropriate.