

	Animals on Campus Policy	Responsible Administrative Unit: Human Resources
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1.0 BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

The Colorado School of Mines is committed to providing a safe learning, working and living environment for its students, faculty, staff and visitors. As part of this commitment, the presence of animals on campus must be carefully considered, balancing the needs of all members of the campus community. While many are comfortable around animals, others are not. Some individuals are fearful of large animals or certain kinds of animals, others are allergic to a variety of animal or pet associated substances, and others may have illnesses or conditions that are intensified or aggravated by the presence, or past presence, of animals. Animals may also present maintenance and facilities management challenges for the campus community if reasonable care is not taken to ensure the animals do not create unclean or unsanitary conditions.

2.0 POLICY

Animals shall not be permitted in Colorado School of Mines student residential, administrative, service, academic, and research buildings or facilities, including classrooms, faculty and staff offices, libraries, laboratories, residence halls, food service areas, playing fields, and public access areas (“Facilities”), unless necessary and required for authorized teaching, public service or research activities of the School, or to aid persons with disabilities, or as otherwise specifically authorized by the School. In order to promote the safety of persons on campus, and to help assure the well being of animals that are authorized to be in campus facilities, the presence of these animals must be registered with the Department of Public Safety **IN ADVANCE** of the animal’s presence on campus.

3.0 PROCEDURE

- 3.1** As a general rule, animals are not permitted in Colorado School of Mines facilities except:
- Animals used in approved teaching, research, and clinical activities
 - Assistive animals for persons with disabilities, or those being trained for such a purpose
 - Police dogs on duty
- 3.2** For the safety of both humans and animals, animals are prohibited from kitchens, laboratories, workshops or other areas housing hazardous materials or machinery.
- 3.3** Except for trained service animals¹ and fish and turtles under the conditions specified in Paragraph 3.4 below, no animals may be brought into the student residence facilities.

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- 3.4 Aquariums no larger than 30 gallons containing fish or turtles are permitted. However, these must be maintained in a clean and sanitary manner.
- 3.5 Any animal brought to the campus grounds must be under the close control of the owner. The City of Golden has a strict leash law. Dogs must be on a hand-held leash¹ at all times or the owner may be ticketed.
- 3.6 Service animals present in campus facilities on a recurring or continuous basis must be registered with the Department of Public Safety or, in the case of student residence facilities, registered with the Department of Student Housing.
- 3.7 Owners or caretakers of animals must clean up after their animals - both inside buildings and outside on campus property. Animal owners bear full responsibility for any situations or damages attributable to the animals that require, as determined by the School, special clean up, painting, refinishing, or repairs or replacements of School property.

4.0 REGISTRATION

- 4.1 Specific exceptions to the above policy may be authorized in advance as follows:
 - 4.1.1 For use in teaching, research or clinical activities, by the department or division head (who will notify the Director of Public Safety);
 - 4.1.2 For non-teaching related purposes in campus facilities, by the Director of Public Safety; or
 - 4.1.3 For presence in residence halls, by the Director of Residence Life (who will also notify the Director of Public Safety).
- 4.2 In the event of a request for exception as noted in 4.1 above, as part of the exception process, the animal owner must petition the building or facility manager who will then canvas residents of the building to determine if the animal should be allowed. If an exception is granted, a notice of the presence of animals in facilities or individual offices must be prominently posted.

¹ Under the ADA, service animals must be harnessed, leashed, or tethered, unless these devices interfere with the service animal's work or the individual's disability prevents using these devices. In that case, the individual must maintain control of the animal through voice, signal, or other effective controls.