



# CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY CHANNEL ISLANDS ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY MANUAL

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## Policy on Animal Control

### **PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this policy is to protect the University community from hazards associated with or caused by animals, both domestic and wild. The University recognizes that wild or feral animals often select the campus grounds as their habitat and that occasionally owners of domestic and service animals bring their animals to the campus. This policy is intended to optimize the safety and health of students, faculty, staff and visitors as it relates to animals on University property

### **BACKGROUND:**

California Code of Regulation, Title V Article 9 section 42353.1, Bicycles, Skateboards, Roller Skates, and Animals. California Civil Code, section 54.1 through 54.2.

### **POLICY:**

#### **Accountability:**

Police & Parking Services is responsible for California code enforcement and enforcement of University regulations. Disability Resource Programs is responsible for providing support services to students with impairments necessitating the use of a service animal. Human Resource Programs is responsible for providing support services to faculty and staff with impairments necessitating the use of a service animal. Environment, Safety & Risk Management is responsible for providing the final determination on the risk, potential hazard, potential for property damage, or potential for public nuisance of any animal on campus grounds.

#### **Applicability:**

This policy is applicable to any person in any building or on any property owned or controlled by the University.

#### **Definitions(s):**

For this policy, the following definitions shall apply:

- Domestic Animal: An animal that has been trained or adapted to living in a human environment. Such animals include, but are not limited to dogs, cats, birds, rabbits, and other types of household pets.
- Feral Animal: A once-domestic animal that has reverted to an untamed state.
- Wild Animal: A non-domesticated animal living in its natural habitat.



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- **Service Animal:** 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 with impaired hearing to intruders or sounds, providing minimal protection or rescue work, pulling a wheelchair, or fetching dropped items.

### **Text:**

The following animal control policies apply to these different types of animals:

#### Wild Animals

The trapping, caging, displaying, and/or use of wild animals on campus for any other purpose than educational instruction or by authorized individuals is prohibited.

Wild 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, shall be allowed to inhabit the campus grounds.

Prohibited human intervention includes, but is not limited to, feeding, building of shelters, and injection of medication.

Wild animals that are a potential risk, represent a hazard, cause property damage, create a nuisance, or otherwise pose a potential conflict for humans shall be regulated, controlled, or humanely relocated when possible, in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations.

#### Feral Animals

Feral animals that are not a risk and do not represent a hazard, cause property damage, or create a public nuisance, shall be allowed to inhabit the campus grounds.

Feral animals that are a potential risk, represent a hazard, cause property damage, create a nuisance, or otherwise pose a potential conflict for humans shall be regulated, controlled, or humanely relocated when possible, in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations.



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### Domestic Animals

Domestic animals are not allowed in campus buildings where campus business is conducted, including residence halls. This paragraph does not apply to service animals or to animals used by law enforcement officers.

Domestic animals must be under the direct control of a responsible person while on campus grounds, restrained by either a leash that does not exceed 6 feet in length or in an appropriate animal carrier, crate, cage or kennel. Domestic animals under voice command are not considered on leash and are not permitted.

Domestic animals brought to campus must be licensed and fully inoculated, with the burden of proof on the owner.

Fecal matter deposited by any domestic animal brought to campus must be removed immediately and properly disposed of by the owner.

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

The University reserves the right to prohibit domestic animals from any campus event.

### Service Animals

CSU Channel Islands complies with federal and state disability civil rights laws and permits service animals where participants and members of the public are normally allowed, including food service areas.

The University requires that any student using a service animal on campus request such accommodation by contacting Disability Resource Programs at 805-437-8529 or by email at [accommodations@csuci.edu](mailto:accommodations@csuci.edu).

Federal law does not require an animal to be formally trained or to be certified that it has been trained. Service animals are individually trained to effectively perform tasks for people with disabilities.



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Service animals must be on a leash and/or under the control of a responsible person at all times. Note: A service animal user does not have to use a leash if he or she is unable, if using a leash would harm him or her, or if the animal must perform a task without use of a leash.

A service animal is not required to wear a collar, tag, vest, or other identifying equipment indicating that it is a trained service animal.

Service animals must be licensed and fully inoculated, with the burden of proof on the animal user. Fecal matter deposited by a service animal must be removed immediately and disposed of properly. The burden is on the service animal user to arrange for removal of fecal matter if he or she is personally unable to perform the task. If the service animal user cannot arrange for fecal matter removal through personal contacts, he or she may request disposal arrangements by contacting Disability Resource Programs referenced in the following paragraph.

The University requires that any employee using a service animal on campus request such accommodation by contacting Human Resources Programs at 805-437-8490.