

TITLE: Use of Animals on Sheridan Premises for Non – Instructional Purposes

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1. PURPOSE

To provide the parameters for bringing animals on to Sheridan premises for non-instructional purposes while aligning the practices with academic use practices for animals, where possible, and to ensure the safety and health of the Sheridan community and the animals.

2. SCOPE

This policy applies to all members of the Sheridan community including but not limited to employees, students, visitors and contractors on or in all Sheridan Premises.

Animals that are utilized for instructional purposes in academia are not under the scope of this policy. Please refer to the “Animal Use in Teaching” / “Care and Use of Animals in Teaching” policy(ies).

Wildlife that exists naturally as part of the ecosystem of Sheridan premises are not within scope of this policy.

3. DEFINITIONS

The following definitions are not all inclusive. If there are any questions about the category into which the animal might fall, please call Occupational Health & Safety Services (Ext. 2515).

Domestic Animals: Live dogs, cats, rabbits, rodents, birds or other similar small animals generally considered pets. These animals may be permitted on Sheridan premises through appropriate approval procedures dependent on their purpose.

Exotic Animals: Live animals generally found in the wild or in zoos and not commonly considered pets. These animals are not generally permitted on Sheridan premises but exemptions may be granted.

Farm Animals: Live cows, horses, goats, sheep, fowl or other animals usually found on a farm. These animals are not generally permitted in Sheridan Buildings but exemptions may be granted.

Premises: All Sheridan owned, rented or leased land, buildings, structures, vehicles and property located on or off campus.

Service Animal: An animal is a service animal for a person with a disability, if:

- (a) the animal can be readily identified as one that is being used by the person for reasons relating to the person's disability, as a result of visual indicators such as the vest or harness worn by the animal; or
- (b) the person provides documentation from one of the following regulated health professionals confirming that the person requires the animal for reasons relating to the disability:
 - (i) A member of the College of Audiologists and Speech-Language Pathologists of Ontario.
 - (ii) A member of the College of Chiropractors of Ontario.
 - (iii) A member of the College of Nurses of Ontario.
 - (iv) A member of the College of Occupational Therapists of Ontario.
 - (v) A member of the College of Optometrists of Ontario.
 - (vi) A member of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario.
 - (vii) A member of the College of Physiotherapists of Ontario.
 - (viii) A member of the College of Psychologists of Ontario.
 - (ix) A member of the College of Registered Psychotherapists and Registered Mental Health Therapists of Ontario.

4. POLICY STATEMENT

4.1 Domestic, exotic or farm animals are not permitted on Sheridan premises with the following exceptions:

1. Guide dogs or service animals; for more information see the Accessibility Policy.
2. Animals with verified and legitimate use in an academic application (see) "Animals Use in Teaching" / "Care and Use of Animals in Teaching" policy(ies).

4.2 Before animals are brought onto any Sheridan campus for non-instructional activities (i.e. school events), an exemption to this policy must be issued by the Occupational Health and Safety and Security departments in accordance with the Procedures.

4.3 Practices for Non-Academic events for which approval has been granted in accordance with the Use of Animals on Sheridan Premises for Non-Instructional Purposes Procedure shall align with academic instructional use practices for animals.

4.4 Domestic pets being walked (or transported) through Sheridan property, including the trails, must be under control of the owner at all times. Dogs must be maintained on a leash while on Sheridan property at all times.

4.5 Animals are not allowed to accompany an individual in the halls of any building except as is necessary to move and from the room or studio where the animal will be located.

4.6 Animals must be appropriately restrained and under control at all times.

4.7 Care, feeding, housing and cleaning up of the animal is the sole responsibility of the animal's owner, trainer and/or handler. Sheridan Facilities Services will not provide this service.

4.8 Please note that all animals brought onto any Sheridan campus are required to have current species-specific vaccinations.

5 RELATED DOCUMENTATION

[Use of Service Animals](#)

[Accessibility Policy](#)

[Care and Use of Animals in Teaching Policy](#)

[Employee Accommodation Policy](#)