

Board Policies

ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS

145.00 PETS AND ANIMALS ON CAMPUS

Cowley College regulates the presence of pets and animals on campus to ensure safety, accessibility, and compliance with applicable laws.

1. Prohibited Animals: Pets and animals are generally not allowed in college facilities, on college grounds, or at college-sponsored events.
2. Permitted Exceptions:
 - Animals used for teaching with prior approval from the Institutional Research Board (IRB), Chief Academic Officer, and/or Department Chair. (AP 145a)
 - Service animals assisting an individual with a disability. (AP 145b)
 - Approved emotional support animals (residence rooms only.) (AP 145c)
 - Animals used by law enforcement or search and rescue. (AP 145a)
 - Certified therapy animals. (AP 145c)
3. Control and Responsibility
 - Handlers/owners are responsible for maintaining control of their animals at all times. Leashes or harnesses are required unless they interfere with the animal's function.
4. Cleanliness and Behavior
 - Immediate cleanup of animal waste is mandatory
 - Animals must not disrupt the campus environment through noise, behavior, or odor.
5. Removal Criteria:
 - Is not housebroken,
 - Poses a direct threat to the health or safety of others that cannot be eliminated or reduced to an acceptable level by a reasonable accommodation
 - Is disruptive, and the individual does not take effective action to control it
 - Would fundamentally alter the nature of a program or activity
 - Is not being cared for by the individual. The College may impose charges for damages caused by a service animal or emotional support animal in the same manner as the College imposes charges for damages to property.
6. Special Considerations for Housing: Students requesting Emotional Support Animals must register with the Accessibility Services Coordinator, provide required documentation, and comply with the outlined procedures for care, supervision, and renewal of the authorization.

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