

# UC SANTA BARBARA

## POLICY and PROCEDURE

### Pets on Campus

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## PETS ON CAMPUS

Subject to the limitations set forth by this policy, dogs are allowed on the grounds of the UCSB campus; all other pets are prohibited from being brought onto campus.<sup>1</sup>

### I. DEFINITIONS

**Institutional Animal:** An animal that is housed on the UCSB Campus for the purpose of University testing, research, and/or teaching, only.

**Owner:** Any individual in possession of a dog on the UCSB Campus regardless of whether or not the individual is the legal owner of the animal.

**Pet:** A domestic animal, sufficiently tamed to live with a family that is kept and cared for as a companion.

**Service Animal:** Any dog that is individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability, including a physical, sensory, psychiatric, intellectual, or other mental disorder.

1. Other species of animals, whether wild or domestic, trained or untrained, are not service animals for the purposes of this definition; however miniature horses may qualify in some situations.
2. The work or tasks performed by a service animal must be directly related to the individual's disability.
3. Service animals in training are included in the definition of service animals and are considered service animals for the purpose of this policy.

**Support Animal:** Animals utilized for emotional support, well-being, or comfort by individuals with disabilities. Because they are not individually trained to perform work or tasks, support animals are not Service Animals.

**Utility Animal:** Any dog that is brought onto the UCSB campus to perform a service or function on behalf of the University (i.e. therapy dogs brought to campus by a department for a specific purpose).

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<sup>1</sup> Pets other than dogs may be allowed in University-owned housing, on a case-by-case basis, if the animal is an approved pet pursuant to the housing contract.

## II. SCOPE

This policy applies to any student, faculty, staff, or visitor, who wishes to bring a dog onto University Property. This policy does not apply to Service and Support Animals. Any person wishing to bring a Service or Support Animal onto the UCSB campus should consult [UCSB's policy on Service and Support Animals](#). Further, this policy does not apply to animals classified as Institutional Animals. Policies relating to Institutional Animals may be found at: <http://www.research.ucsb.edu/policies-forms/policies/>

## III. PURPOSE

Persons bringing dogs to campus are expected to be mindful that their dogs may constitute real or perceived health threats to others, especially in confined or closed spaces. Such threats may include allergies, falls, and bites. Children and the elderly may be especially susceptible. In addition, the presence of a dog in an area may distract or interrupt certain activities, or may create a nuisance, including the nuisance caused by pet waste or damage to property.

Accordingly, all people who wish to bring a dog to campus are required to exercise reasonable control over their pets in order to minimize risks to others and property and are required to clean up after their animals. In addition, the following policy and procedure apply to those who bring dogs onto the UCSB campus.

## IV. POLICY

1. Dogs are allowed on the UCSB Campus subject to the following limitations:
  - A. Dogs are not permitted to be taken into or kept in any UCSB Campus building unless the dog has prior authorization to do so as a Utility Animal.<sup>2</sup>
  - B. Dogs on campus grounds must be on a leash not more than six feet long or securely confined in a vehicle at all times. Dogs under voice command are not considered on leash, and are not permitted.
  - C. Dogs are not permitted on bike paths.
  - E. Dogs are not permitted in University vehicles, except when they are impounded animals being transported in approved vehicles.
  - F. Owners bringing a dog onto the UCSB campus are responsible for removing any and all animal waste created by their dog and ensuring their dog is under control at all times.
  - G. Dogs on campus are subject to all provisions of Santa Barbara County Ordinance 4948.<sup>4</sup>
2. Owners may be required to remove their dogs from the UCSB Campus if any owner fails to abide by any of the limitations set forth above (Section IV.1.A-G). Owners may also be asked to remove their dog from the UCSB Campus if the animal is unreasonably

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<sup>2</sup> To obtain authorization to bring a Utility Dog onto campus, see Section V.

<sup>4</sup> Certain sections of Santa Barbara County Ordinance No. 4948 may not be applicable to temporary visitors and employees on the UCSB campus. It is up to each person who wishes to bring a dog onto the UCSB Campus to be aware of all applicable laws.

disruptive (e.g. excessive barking or aggressive tendencies) or is otherwise not under the control of the owner and the owner fails to take effective action to control the animal.

3. Owners are liable for the actions of their dogs while on the UCSB Campus and are responsible for any property damage or bodily harm caused by their animal.
4. Though Pet dogs are generally allowed on the UCSB Campus grounds subject to the limitations set forth by this policy, Pet dogs are rarely allowed to accompany owners to campus events (e.g. graduation, sporting events, outdoor concerts). It is the Handler's responsibility to contact the appropriate University office to determine whether or not a campus event will allow Pet dogs.

## **V. PROCEDURES**

### **Bringing Utility Dogs to Campus**

Any department that wants to bring a Utility Dog, other than a police dog, into a campus building must contact the [UCSB policy coordinator](#) prior to doing so. The policy coordinator will alert the appropriate campus officials so that any necessary accommodation can be made in advance of the Utility Dog's presence in campus buildings.

## **VI. RESPONSIBILITIES**

1. All persons bringing dogs onto campus are responsible for complying with this policy.
2. Department heads are responsible for ensuring compliance with this policy within their areas and for ensuring that faculty, staff, students and visitors are informed of the policy. Violations of the policy by students should be handled in accordance with the Student Conduct Code, in consultation with the Office of Judicial Affairs. Faculty and academic employee violations of the policy should be handled in accordance with the Academic Personnel Manual, in consultation with Academic Affairs. Staff employee violations of the policy should be handled in accordance with Personnel Policies for Staff Members or the applicable collective bargaining agreement, in consultation with Employee & Labor Relations.

## **VII. RELATED POLICIES AND RESOURCES**

[UCSB Policy on Service and Support Animals](#)  
[Santa Barbara County Ordinance No. 4948](#)  
[UCSB Policies on Institutional Animals](#)  
[Student Code of Conduct](#)  
[Academic Personnel Manual](#)  
[Personnel Policies for Staff Members](#)  
[Collective Bargaining Agreements](#)