Animals on University Property
UA-15

About This Policy

Scope

All Indiana University property.

Policy Statement

Indiana University is committed to ensuring equal access to facilities, programs, and activities. Service animals assisting individuals with disabilities are generally permitted in all university facilities and programs, except as described below. Emotional support animals are permitted only in the owner's on-campus residence or IU real estate housing with advance approval, as described below. All other animals are not permitted inside university buildings or facilities. Animals are permitted in outdoor, public areas on campus consistent with the general provisions below.

1. Service Animals. Service animals are generally permitted in all university facilities and programs. However, the university may exclude a service animal if: (1) the animal is out of control and the handler does not take immediate effective action to control it; (2) the animal is not housebroken; (3) the animal poses a direct threat to the health or safety of others that cannot be eliminated or reduced to an acceptable level by a reasonable modification to other policies, practices, and procedures; or (4) the presence of the animal would fundamentally alter the nature of the university's services or programs. Service animals may also be excluded where service animals are specifically prohibited due to health, environmental, or safety hazards.

2. Emotional Support Animals. Emotional support animals are permitted only in the owner's on-campus residence (e.g., a residence hall room or apartment that is managed by campus student housing and entries/exits to those buildings as necessary) or rental houses that are managed by IU real estate housing with advance approval from the appropriate campus offices. Student residents should seek approval from the campus office serving students with disabilities; employee residents should seek approval from the campus office that handles disability accommodations. In either case, the approval decision will be made in consultation with campus student housing or IU Real Estate, depending on the type of residence at issue. Emotional support animals are not permitted in any other university building or facility.

3. University Residential Housing Facilities. With respect to service animals and emotional support animals in university residential housing facilities, the Guidelines for Service Animals in University Housing and the Guidelines for Emotional Support Animals in University Housing shall also apply. Nothing in this policy is intended to limit the applicability of such Guidelines.

   a. The owner or handler is responsible for maintaining control over the animal at all times, and the owner or handler is solely responsible for the care and supervision of the animal at all times.
   b. The owner or handler is responsible for properly containing and disposing of all animal waste.
   c. The owner or handler is responsible for all damages and/or injuries caused by the animal.
   d. All animals must be vaccinated against diseases common to that breed of animal in accordance with all federal, state, and local ordinances and/or regulations, and the owner or handler must be able to provide proof of such vaccinations if requested. In addition, all animals should have a tag that identifies the owner or handler and contact information in case of emergency.
   e. All animals must be harnessed, leashed, or tethered while in public places unless, with respect to a service animal, these devices interfere with the task or work the service animal has been trained to perform or the individual's disability prevents use of these devices.
f. Animals may not be left tethered to a stationary fixture or tree or left unattended while on university property. In such case, the university may take reasonable efforts to remove the animal. However, service and emotional support animals may be left unattended within the confines of the owner’s university on-campus residence or IU real estate housing consistent with the Guidelines for Service Animals and Emotional Support Animals in University Housing.

5. Animals Not Governed by This Policy. This policy does not apply to the following animals, which may be governed by other university policies:
   - Animals involved in authorized research;
   - K-9 animals (police dogs);
   - Animals being temporarily held by Environmental Health and Safety (EH&S);
   - Fish contained in aquariums; or
   - Animals used for a performance on university premises or involved in a university-sponsored activity (such as mascots) who have received advance university approval.

Reason For Policy

This policy establishes guidelines for the presence of animals in university buildings and facilities, including service and emotional support animals.

Definitions

**Indiana University Property** – Buildings, grounds, and land that are owned by Indiana University or controlled by Indiana University via leases or other formal contractual arrangements to house ongoing IU operations.

**Service animals** are recognized under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and are defined as dogs that are individually trained to do work or perform tasks for people with disabilities. The work or task that the dog performs must be directly related to the individual’s disability, and can include a wide variety of services. [Note: The University also recognizes miniature horses as a service animal consistent with relevant ADA guidance and regulations.]

**Emotional support animals** are not recognized under the ADA and are defined as animals that provide emotional or other support that alleviates one or more of the identified symptoms or effects of a person’s existing disability.

Sanctions

Any owner or handler of an animal who fails to follow this policy may be required to remove the animal from university premises.

Any owner or handler who is a member of the university community who fails to follow these guidelines may be subject to the corrective action procedures contained in Indiana University’s staff, academic, or student policies, as applicable. In addition, if the owner or handler resides in university housing, removal from housing may result. Any owner or handler who is not a member of the university community who fails to follow these guidelines may be asked to immediately remove the animal from university premises. Prohibitions regarding physical presence on campus/trespassing may also be pursued.

History

This policy was established in 2018. It replaces [Animals in Buildings](#), FIN-INS-11.