University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Pet Policy
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Policy Summary

The University of Nebraska–Lincoln prohibits pets from UNL-controlled buildings, except for those animals that are specifically exempted by this policy. In addition, while on UNL-controlled property, animals must be attended and restrained at all times.

Policy Definitions

These definitions apply to these terms as they are used in this policy.

*Pet* – Any privately owned animal, reptile, bird, or fish.

*Service Animal* - A guide dog, signal dog, medically prescribed, or other 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.

*University-controlled Property* - Property that is owned, operated, or maintained by the university. This does not include fraternity housing, sorority housing, and other space owned by UNL that is leased to other entities and not controlled by the university.

Policy Overview

Pets can pose a threat to the health and safety of the campus community, as well as to a healthful educational environment (through allergy, excessive noise, waste, animal bites, and disease transmission via fleas, ticks, parasites, viruses, bacteria, etc.). Individuals with disabilities are at particular risk. For instance, dogs running freely pose a particular hazard to individuals using service animals. Pets on campus can also be destructive, causing damage to grounds, buildings, and property.

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Any person who walks a pet on UNL grounds shall be responsible for the behavior and actions of the pet, health and safety of individuals in proximity of the animal, and the health and cleanliness of the campus environment. To this end, the prompt collection and disposal of animal waste is required and all pets must be attended and leashed at all times.

Exempted Pets and Other Animals
The following animals are permitted on UNL-controlled property:
- Service Animals while performing their duties (owners must properly dispose of their service animals’ waste);
- On-duty police dogs.

Pets in Residence Halls

University Housing has adopted a policy for its residential student facilities. University Housing policy at [http://housing.unl.edu/reslife/policies.shtml](http://housing.unl.edu/reslife/policies.shtml)

IANR Out-State Offices

IANR may develop alternative pet policies for its out-state properties located outside the city limits of Lincoln, Nebraska.

Failure to Comply

Violation of these regulations may result in confiscation of the pet and/or administrative or disciplinary action to the owner.

Unattended or Unrestrained Animals

When an animal is not restrained or not attended, a reasonable attempt will be made to locate the animal's owner. If attempts to find the animal's owner are unsuccessful, University Police will contact the City of Lincoln Animal Control which will remove the animal from UNL property. An animal is restrained or attended when it is in the immediate vicinity of an owner, and either on a leash of six feet or shorter, in a cage, or, in the case of a certified Service Animal, voice-controlled by a person competent to govern the behavior of the pet. To be considered attended a pet may not be left fastened to a stationary object.

Damage to UNL Property

UNL will seek restitution for any animal-related damage to university-controlled property, facilities, or grounds. The repair or replacement cost of damaged property is the sole responsibility of the owner of the animal that caused the damage.

To Report a Violation

To report a violation of this policy, contact the unit Chair/Department Head or the Office of the UNL Vice Chancellor for Business and Finance for resolution.
## Contacts and Enforcement

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