

Policy Title: Pets/Animals: Yukon University Campuses/Grounds
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Executive Lead: Director, Finance and Administration
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Approval Statement

With the approval of the President of Yukon College, this policy is hereby deemed in effect the 30th day of October, 2013.

Karen Barnes

October 30, 2013

President, Yukon College

Date

1. Purpose of Policy

Pets/animals are welcome on Yukon University grounds, provided that the pet/animal is healthy, well behaved, and on a leash or restrained in some manner. This pertains to all Yukon University campuses.

Pets/animals are permitted in Yukon University buildings or in University Vehicles only when one of the conditions outlined below is met.*

At campuses where other policies related to pets/animals may exist (e.g., a community campus housed in a building managed/owned by another party), this policy may be superseded by the policies of the other party.

Service animals such as those used by and under the control of a person with a disability are exempt from this policy.

GUIDELINES

Pet/animal owners are fully responsible for:

- picking up and properly disposing of pet/animal waste;
- ensuring the good behaviour of the pet/animal;
- having an pet/animal pre-approved for entry into any Yukon University building when one of the conditions below is met;
- when in the building, ensuring the pet/animal has clean paws and no open or weeping sores;
- making sure that the pet/animal is leashed, caged, or otherwise restrained from traveling about freely;
- keeping the pet/animal away from any food preparation or consumption areas; and
- ensuring that if pets/animals are left in vehicles, they are watered and kept cool and/or warm in accordance with weather conditions.

*Conditions where pets/animals may be permitted into University facilities include the following:

- pets/animals attending a classroom for instructional purposes such as discussion of current research on the use of therapy animals. Time in class is for the required period of instruction and approved by the Director responsible for Facilities;
- pets/animals used in Animal Assisted Therapy through Yukon University Counselling Services. Campus Security will be informed of such pets/animals;
- pet/animals are not to be tied to a vehicle, and
- all other pets/animals permitted by the Director responsible for Facilities.

2. Governing Legislation and Relevant Documents

City of Whitehorse, Municipal by-laws

Leases for University buildings

Leases for University vehicles

3. Procedures

- Any animals found running at large or tied up on University grounds will be reported to By-law Officers for removal.
- Staff operating in violation of this policy will receive a warning notice for the first infraction and a written warning on their file for the second.
- Communication about this policy will be available on the Yukon University website as well as posted in places where pets/animals may be in the building during specified periods of times.