

Polk State College District Board of Trustees Rule

Rule Number	Subject	Rule Making Authority	Statutory Reference	SBE Rule Reference	Effective Date
Hx21 2.27	Animals on College Property	FS 1001.65		6A-2.0010	2/25/19

Animals required to assist in compensating for a disability, such as blindness or deafness, are present and welcomed on campus and are considered working animals, not pets.

Standard of Behavior – Animals on District Property

A. General Rules

Except as provided for in Section F below, no person shall bring an animal onto campus unless the animal is leashed, caged, or under direct physical control of its owner or other responsible person. Any exceptions to these rules should be reported to the Safety & Security Department. For purposes of these rules, the following definitions apply:

1. A leash is defined as a cord, chain, or other similar restraint, not to exceed 8 feet in length, controlled by the owner of the animal or other responsible person.
2. Cage is defined as an enclosed pen, box, or other similar container controlled by the owner or other responsible person, which prevents the animal from escaping.
3. Direct physical control means that the owner or other responsible person is physically holding the animal in such a way that it is not likely to escape.

B. Licensing and Vaccinations

If applicable, all animals brought onto campus must be vaccinated and/or licensed as required by state and/or local laws.

C. Animals in Buildings and Facilities

Except as provided for in Section F below, animals are not allowed to be brought into any campus building or controlled facility.

D. Removal of Animal Waste

The owner or person responsible for an animal's presence on campus shall be responsible for the removal and sanitary disposal of any animal waste. The owner or responsible person shall have on his/her person appropriate means for removal of such animal waste when bringing the animal on campus.

E. Animal Control

Any animal on campus in violation of these rules is subject to City and/or County ordinances(s) having jurisdiction.

F. Exceptions

1. The President or designee can make exceptions to these rules from time to time for special circumstances and/or events.
2. These rules do not apply to animals used as guides for the visually impaired or those used to meet the special needs of individuals with disabilities.
3. These rules do not apply to animals used by law enforcement or emergency personnel in the exercise of their official duties.
4. These rules do not apply to animals used as part of approved instructional activities, as long as they are retained and controlled within the laboratory setting for which they were intended.

History:

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