

# Polk State College District Board of Trustees Rule

Rule Number	Subject	Rule Making Authority	Statutory Reference	SBE Rule Reference	Effective Date
2.27	Service Animals on College Property	FS 1001.65		6A-2.0010	01/26/26

## I. Policy

Service animals required to assist in compensating for a disability, such as blindness or deafness, are welcome on campus. These are considered working animals, not pets.

## II. Definitions

For the purposes of this rule, the following definitions apply:

- A. A *leash* is defined as a cord, chain, or other similar restraint, not to exceed eight feet in length, used to restrain and guide the animal by the owner (or a designee).
- B. A *cage* is defined as an animal-safe enclosed pen, crate, or other similar container that is controlled by the owner (or other responsible person) and prevents the animal from moving about freely.
- C. *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.

## III. Standards of Behavior and Management for Animals on College Property

### A. General Rules

Except as provided for in Section III.F (below), no person is permitted to bring an animal onto campus unless the animal is leashed, caged, or under the direct physical control of its owner (or other responsible person). Any exceptions to this statement should be reported to the Safety and Security Department.

### B. Animal Licensing and Vaccination

If applicable, an animal that is brought onto campus must be vaccinated and licensed as required by state and local laws.

### C. Animals in Buildings and Facilities

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

**D. Removal of Animal Waste**

The owner (or the person responsible for an animal's presence on campus) is responsible for the removal and sanitary disposal of any animal waste. The owner (or responsible person) must carry on hand the means for appropriate 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 the local ordinances(s) having jurisdiction.

**F. Exceptions**

The President (or a designee) can make exceptions to these rules from time to time for special circumstances and events.

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