

TITLE: PETS ON CAMPUS

POLICY STATEMENT:

Staff, students and visitors may bring pets on to RDC property or into RDC vehicles or buildings only in accordance with the guidelines and procedures laid out in this policy.

PURPOSE:

Pets have the potential to impact the health, safety, personal well-being and comfort of RDC staff, students and visitors, as well as the sanitation and physical condition of the campus. The purpose of this policy is to regulate and control dogs and other pets on RDC property.

SCOPE:

This policy applies to all pets. The following animals are excluded from the scope of this policy:

- Working animals used in Theatre Studies.
- Working animals used by agencies such as the RCMP.
- Certified Assistance Animals.
- Animals owned by RDC.
- Animals housed in laboratories for teaching purposes.

PRINCIPLES:

RDC is committed to providing a safe and healthy learning environment.

RDC practices good stewardship of College facilities and property.

DEFINITIONS:

Certified Assistance Animal: Any professionally trained animal, including guide, hearing, and service dogs, that works in partnership with persons with disabilities to increase their independence, safety, and mobility.

Pet: A companion animal owned, cared-for or under the supervision of an individual.

Pet Owner: Any person or group of people:

- a) Named as owner on a dog tag.
- b) In actual or apparent possession or control of a pet.
- c) In actual or apparent possession or control of the property where a pet appears to reside.

GUIDELINES:

1. All dog owners must adhere to City of Red Deer Dog Bylaw No. 3429/2009.
2. Pets are not permitted in College owned, leased or rented vehicles or buildings except with written permission from Campus Management.
3. Fish in tanks of 10 litres or less are allowed in College Residences.

4. Pets are permitted on College outdoor grounds and must be appropriately on a leash, licensed, and exhibiting controlled behavior.
5. Pets are not permitted in Food Service Areas.
6. Pets are not left unattended at any time or tied outside facilities.
7. All animal feces are picked up by the owner and disposed of in an appropriate manner.
8. Owners of pets brought on to College property accept responsibility for any related liabilities and/or costs in the event of injury or damage to persons or property.

PROCEDURE:

1. College staff (Campus Security and Campus Management staff) may instruct a pet's handler to remove the pet from the property for any reason.
2. Campus Management may call Animal Control Services to enforce provisions of The City of Red Deer Dog Bylaw No. 3429/2009.

OFFICER RESPONSIBLE: Vice President of Human Resources

RECOMMENDING AUTHORITY: Service Council

CONSULTATION FOR REVIEW: Occupational Health & Safety Committee, Service Council

POLICY REVIEW DATE: October 1, 2015

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2011

REVISION HISTORY:

RELATED POLICIES:

- Occupational Health and Safety

CONNECTION TO BOARD POLICIES:

All RDC policies support relevant Board of Governors operational policies.