

## **UH Maui College**

### **Animals on Campus Policy**

#### ***Overview***

This policy establishes regulations regarding all domestic, feral, wild, stray, and service animals found on the UH Maui College (College) main campus in Kahului and educational centers at Molokai, Lanai, and Hāna. The University of Hawai'i [Executive Policy on Service Animals and Emotional Support Animals EP 1.207](#) defines and outlines guidelines to support the use of Service and Emotional Support Animals. This policy is not applicable to animals related to instructional and/or research activity or to animals used by law enforcement/emergency personnel in the performance of their official duties.

#### ***Purpose***

The policy protects the College community from hazards associated with or caused by animals both domestic and wild, and supports the health, safety and wellbeing of College students, employees, and visitors as it relates to animals on campus.

#### ***Definitions***

*Domestic Animal* – An animal that has been trained or adapted to living in a human environment, including dogs, cats, birds, and other types of household pets.

*Feral Animal* – A once domestic animal that has reverted to an untamed state or a non-domesticated animal living in its natural habitat. Feral animals select specific areas on campus grounds as their habitat and gather/reside in colonies, flocks, or packs.

*Wild Animal* – A non-domesticated animal living in its natural state.

*Stray Animal* - A loose domesticated or once domesticated animal that has reverted to an untamed state, but for the purpose of this policy does not gather/reside in any specific area. These animals are thought of as transient in nature and may randomly enter/exit campus grounds and buildings.

*Service Animal* – Service Animals are working animals, not pets. A Service Animal is a dog<sup>1</sup> that is individually trained to do work or perform tasks for an individual with a disability, including a physical, sensory, psychiatric, intellectual, or other mental disability. Service Animals can be trained to perform important tasks to assist individuals with disabilities, including but not limited to providing stability for a person who has difficulty walking, picking up items for a person who uses a wheelchair, performing medical alerts of various types such as high or low blood sugar, or the onset of seizures, guiding people who are blind, or alerting a person who has hearing loss when someone is approaching from behind. Service Animals can also support persons with psychiatric and neurological disabilities by helping to prevent or interrupt impulsive or self-

destructive behaviors. A Service Animal does not include animals that are not trained to perform specific tasks related to the individual's disability. Service Animals in training are not considered Service Animals under this policy.

*Emotional Support Animal* – An Emotional Support Animal (ESA) is any animal that provides necessary emotional support to an individual with a mental or psychiatric disability that alleviates one or more identified symptoms or effects of an individual with a disability. ESAs are sometimes referenced as therapy animals or comfort animals. An ESA is not a Service Animal.

## **Animal Control**

The following animal control policies apply to these different types of animals:

### **Domestic Animals**

- Dogs and other animals must be under positive control while on campus grounds and restrained by a harness, leash or other tether that does not exceed six (6) feet in length and that is in the hands of a responsible person;
- Any dog or other animal brought to campus must be licensed and fully inoculated, with the burden of proof on the owner;
- Fecal matter deposited by any dog or other animal brought to campus must be removed immediately by the owner;
- The feeding of animals near outside dining facilities and other campus areas which may result in a potential health hazard, a public nuisance or property damage is strictly prohibited; and,
- Animals are not permitted in any campus buildings, facilities, and/or premises with the exception of Service Animals, ESAs approved by the College campus, authorized research/ instructional animals, and animals used by law enforcement or emergency personnel.

### **Feral Animals**

- Feral animals that are not a risk and do not represent a hazard, cause property damage, or create a public nuisance, shall be allowed to inhabit the campus grounds.
- Feral animals that are a potential risk, represent a hazard, cause property damage, create a nuisance, or otherwise pose a potential conflict for humans shall be relocated to the Humane Society when possible, in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations.
- Unauthorized individuals (employees, students, or the general public) who seek to feed, chase, interfere with, or remove any feral animal will be asked to cease and desist in such activities. Should such individuals ignore such requests, they may be subject to escort off campus grounds or other appropriate measures.

## **Stray and Wild Animals**

- No intervention will be taken with stray and wild animals that are not a risk and do not represent a hazard, cause property damage, or create a public nuisance, and that do not involve human intervention.
- Stray and wild animals that are a potential risk, represent a hazard, cause property damage, create a nuisance, or otherwise pose a potential conflict for humans shall be relocated when possible, in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations by authorized campus personnel or private contractors whenever possible.

## **Service Animals**

- UHMC policies and procedures regarding Service Animals and Emotional Support Animals shall be in accordance with the University of Hawai'i [Executive Policy on Service Animals and Emotional Support Animals EP 1.207](#).<sup>1</sup>

## **Responsibilities**

- The Vice Chancellor of Administrative Services or designated representative(s) will be responsible for providing the final determination on the potential risk, potential hazard, potential for property damage, potential for public nuisance of any animal on campus property, or violation of this policy and shall provide for general oversight of the implementation of this policy which may include, but is not limited to, escort off campus grounds or other appropriate measures.
- Disability accommodations for a student to any provision of this policy can be requested by contacting the Accommodation Services Counselor by telephone at (808) 984-3227, by email at [uhmcds@hawaii.edu](mailto:uhmcds@hawaii.edu), or by visiting the Counseling Office in the Ho'okipa Building. Disability accommodations for an employee to any provisions of this policy can be requested by contacting the ADA Coordinator for Employees by telephone at (808) 984-3380 or by visiting the Human Resources Office in the Ho'okipa Building.
- Operations and Maintenance will provide support services as necessary that promote and maintain a safe and healthy learning and working environment. These responsibilities include, but are not limited to, assistance with the entrapment and relocation of animals, erection of animal barriers, the removal and disposal of random animal fecal matter, and coordination of contracted services pertaining to animal control entrapment and removal.

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<sup>1</sup> Miniature horses may also be included as Service Animals, where reasonable. See 28 CFR § 35.136(i).

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