POLICY:
To protect the safety and health of students, faculty and staff, domestic animals are not permitted in university buildings. Additionally, domestic animals are not permitted to run loose on university grounds. In particular, dogs brought onto campus must be leashed and under control of their owner at all times. This policy does not apply to (i) service animals, that is, guide dogs, signal dogs or other animals individually trained to assist a person with a disability, and (ii) animals in the service of individuals for medical reasons.

PURPOSE:
The purpose of this policy is to limit domestic animals within buildings to only those required for medical reasons or approved special events, and to ensure that animals are under the control of their owner while on university property.

SCOPE:
This policy applies to the entire university community, including students, faculty and staff, and visitors or guests.

PROCEDURES:
1. Individuals seeking consent regarding animals required for medical reasons being brought onto the university campus must make requests, in writing, to the Assistant Vice-President (Facilities Management and Planning). In special circumstances, approval may be obtained to bring domestic animals on campus for a special event involving the display or demonstration of specialized skills or natural behaviours.
2. Enforcement of this policy will be carried out by the Department of University Safety with assistance from the City of Ottawa as appropriate.
3. Persons bringing pets on campus will be held responsible for any costs or consequences of any damage caused by their pet and may be subject to discipline as warranted and appropriate under the circumstances.

Contact: Assistant Vice-President (Facilities Management and Planning)