

## Pets on Campus

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### I. REFERENCES

City of Sherbrooke Regulations: By Law #1; Chapter 10 Animals; Title 5 Protection of Persons and Property.

### II. PURPOSE

Members of the campus community and visitors to the campus may bring their dogs or other pet animals to the campus from time to time. While this practice is not prohibited, some regulation of the presence of pets on campus is necessary to insure that one's pet does not become a threat, nuisance, or significant distraction to others or to activities occurring on the campus. City and local regulations provide the basis for University policies whose intent is to ensure that campuses are protected from potential health and safety hazards posed by unattended dogs on campus property or dogs and other pet animals brought into campus facilities without proper authorization.

This Policy is intended to clarify under what conditions dogs or other pets may be allowed on campus property and in campus facilities and does not replace other applicable federal, provincial, and local laws and regulations governing the presence of dogs and other pets on public property (so-called "leash" laws) or in eating establishments, and applies equally to faculty, staff, students, and other visitors to the campus. Refer to the Additional Rules and Clauses relating to B.U. residence rooms (by laws of the immovable prohibitions #15)

### III. STATEMENT

Pet owners bringing their pets to campus are expected to be mindful that their pets may constitute real or perceived health threats to others, especially in confined or closed spaces. Such threats may include allergies, falls, and bites. Children and the elderly may be especially susceptible. In addition, the presence of a pet in an area may distract or interrupt certain activities, or may create a nuisance, including the nuisance caused by pet waste or damage to property.

Accordingly, all pet owners bringing pets to campus are required to maintain control over their pets in order to minimize risks to others and property. All pet owners are required to clean up after their animals. In addition, the following rules apply to those who bring dogs on the campus.

#### A. Dogs on Campus – Restraints and Requirements

1. Dogs may not be brought onto campus except when:
  - under the control of a competent person and restrained by a substantial chain or leash not exceeding six feet in length.
2. Dogs may not be tethered unattended on campus for any period of time.
3. Dogs or other animals may not be intentionally abandoned on campus property. Abandonment of any animal anywhere is a cruel and illegal act.
4. Dogs (leashed or otherwise) are not permitted in any campus building or campus transportation vehicle (Campus Shuttle, Fleet vehicles, etc.), except for:
  - certified police dogs and guide, signal, and service dogs used by disabled persons (as defined Quebec Provincial laws.
  - animals involved in authorized research; and
  - special circumstances which must be approved in advance by the Director of Security
5. Pets are not allowed in any residence halls or suites, except for police dogs and guide, signal and service dogs, as described above.
6. Dogs must have a valid dog license and evidence of current rabies vaccinations.
7. Owners are responsible for disposing of any fecal waste left by their dog(s) on campus property.
8. Dogs on campus in violation of this policy may be subject to apprehension and impounding by animal control. Owners of such impounded dogs are responsible for any fees or fines that may subsequently be assessed by the city or county.

The Bishop's University campus shall adhere to the intent of the City of Sherbrooke Municipal Code regulations concerning the restraint of dogs (leash laws).

**B. Application**

All employees, students and visitors must abide by this Policy.

The Security Department is mandated to apply this Policy.