

POLICY 1.56 – Pets and Therapy Animals on Campus

Policy Category:	General
Subject:	Pets and Therapy Animals on Campus
Approving Authority:	Board of Governors
Responsible Officer(s):	Provost & Vice-President (Academic)
Responsible Office(s):	Associate Vice-President (Student Experience); Associate Vice-President (Human Resources)
Related Procedures:	Procedures for Pets and Therapy Animals on Campus Procedures for Service Animals on Campus
Related University Policies:	Accessibility at Western
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A. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

- 1.00 The purpose of this Pets and Therapy Animals on Campus Policy is to regulate the presence of pets and other animals on campus to ensure a safe, non-threatening, and healthy campus for all members of the University community.
- 2.00 This policy applies to all members of the University community and guests who bring one or more animals onto campus. The University community includes employees, students, agents, contractors, volunteers and other individuals who work for or on behalf of the University.
- 3.00 This policy does not apply to animals approved for use in University teaching or research or service animals which are addressed under the Accessibility Policy.
- 4.00 This policy does not apply to animals approved by the Sports and Recreation Department to perform at sporting events.

B. DEFINITIONS

- 1.00 The following definitions shall apply to this policy:
 - (i) **Custodian** means an individual bringing a Pet or Therapy Animal onto campus.
 - (ii) **Pet** means a domestic or tamed animal kept for companionship or pleasure that is not a service animal (as defined in the Accessibility Procedures on Service Animals) or a Therapy Animal.

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- (iii) **Therapy Animal** means an animal brought on campus by a third party service provider for the purposes of providing comfort, cheer, and companionship.

C. POLICY

- 1.00 A Pet is not permitted in campus buildings.
- 2.00 The Provost & Vice-President (Academic) shall establish procedures identifying the conditions and restrictions for all Pets and Therapy Animals permitted on campus.
- 3.00 In the event of any conflict between (i) this Policy and the procedures established thereunder; and (ii) a Custodian's rights under law, an applicable collective agreement or employment agreement; the latter shall have priority.