

METHODIST UNIVERSITY



METHODIST UNIVERSITY POLICY ON ANIMALS ON CAMPUS

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Section 1: Animals on Campus

Animals are not permitted in university owned or operated buildings. Exception will be made only for service animals as indicated by the Americans with Disabilities Act or approved emotional support animals and gold fish in small aquariums in the residence halls. In addition, approved pets are permitted in private and/or professional residences owned by the University. For more information about service animal or emotional support animal policies and procedures, please contact the Office of Disability Services. Animals may not be used in pranks or ceremony in connection with any individual, university or group activity. Events that may include animals must be properly registered with the Department of Public Safety.

Section 2: Walking Pets on Campus

Faculty, staff, students and visitors may walk their pet in the open areas of the campus of Methodist University. Pets must be leashed (ten foot maximum) and under control by the pet owner at all times in order to protect the health and safety of the people and pets that are on the campus of Methodist University. Pet owners shall remove and dispose of in a sanitary manner all excrement deposited by their pets.

Section 3: Pets at Outdoor Athletic Events

Pets are not permitted at home varsity football games (Monarch Stadium) due to the large crowds at those events. Exception will be made only for service animals as indicated by the Americans with Disabilities Act. Pets taken to other outdoor athletic venues must be leashed (ten foot maximum) and under control by the pet owner at all times in order to protect the health and safety of the people and pets that are on the campus of Methodist University. In addition, pets will not be permitted in the seating areas or with close proximity of the playing surface at those venues. Pet owners shall remove and dispose of in a sanitary manner all excrement deposited by their pets.

Section 4: Liability and Unattended Animals/Pets

The owner of any animal/pet on Methodist University property is solely responsible and liable for any damages or injuries to person(s) or property.

Section 5: Compliance

Violation of state criminal laws.

Violation of University policies may result in student conduct charges or applicable faculty and staff adjudication processes.

Unattended animals may be seized by animal control or law enforcement. Owners may be fined for unattended and/or unleashed animals.

Section 6: Roles and Responsibilities

The University's Department of Public Safety enforces this policy and is responsible for compliance and enforcement.

Section 7: Related Regulations, Statutes and Related Policies

<http://adata.org/factsheet/service-animals>

<https://adata.org/publication/service-animals-booklet>

<https://www.animallaw.info/statute/nc-dogs-consolidated-dog-laws>

Section 8: Contacts

For more information about service animal or emotional support animal policies and procedures, please contact the Office of Disability Services.

To schedule/register an event that includes animals on campus call the Department of Public Safety to reach the Chief of Police at (910) 630-7149.

Section 9: Approval

Approval through Methodist University Cabinet: October 30, 2017