



Category: Operations	Responsible Owner: VP Operations	Effective Date: May 2025
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A: POLICY

Animals on Campus

B: PURPOSE/COMMITMENT

Columbia College is committed to the health, safety and well-being of the community (employees, students, visitors, contractors and members of the public who are present on College grounds and facilities and who participate in College sponsored activities). It is recognized that the presence of animals may have negative effects on some members of the College community.

To regulate the presence of animals at the College to ensure that the animal does not create a health or safety hazard, or become a threat, nuisance or significant distraction to others on campus.

C: SCOPE

This policy applies to the interior of the Main and North campuses of Columbia College and the exterior of the Main campus.

D: PROCEDURES

Animals will not be permitted inside the Main and North campuses of Columbia College, with the following exemptions:

1. Certified guide dogs and service animals as defined by the Guide Dog and Service Act of BC
2. Police service dogs
3. Authorized therapy animals that are part of an approved event
4. Research and teaching animals.

E: REGULATIONS

Owners/guardians must comply with all provincial and city laws pertaining to licensing and animal control. Owners/guardians must clean up after their animal. No sick or non-immunized pet should be brought on to the campus. Persons bringing animals on campus will be held responsible for any costs or consequences of damage caused by their animal.

Links to Other Related Policies, Documents and Websites

Guide Dog and Service Dog Act <http://www.bclaws.ca/civix/document/id/complete/statreg/15017>
St. John’s Ambulance Therapy Dogs <https://www.sja.ca/English/Community-Services/Pages/Therapy%20Dog%20Services/default.aspx>
Canine Unit, VPD <https://vancouver.ca/police/organization/operations/canine/index.html>

LINKS TO SUPPORTING FORMS, DOCUMENTS, WEBSITE:

REFERENCE TO EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT CLAUSES:

REFERENCE TO BYLAWS:

RELATED ACTS AND REGULATIONS:

RELATED POLICIES:

- **APPROVALS:**

IF APPLICABLE:

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APPROVAL FOR ALL POLICIES:

Responsible Owner: Rose Black	Date:
Principal or Designate: Matt Wadsworth	Date:
Chair, Board of Governors: Dave McHardy	Date:

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