



## Blue Mountain Community College *Administrative Procedure*

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### **Purpose/Principle/Definitions:**

Animals, except for service animals used by individuals with disabilities, but not including comfort and therapy animals, are not permitted in campus buildings. Owners of service animals in training must obtain permission from the President or Vice President Student Affairs. Anyone who brings a dog on campus must ensure that the dog is on a leash not to exceed six feet in length except during approved sponsored events or training classes. All other animals while on college property will be restrained on a leash not to exceed six feet in length and the leash/device must be held by and under the control of a competent person at all times. A valid dog license must be worn at all times by any dog on college property. If the owner lives outside of the city limits, the dog must wear a valid rabies vaccination tag at all times.

Disruption of the campus educational process, administrative process, or other campus function by the animal requires that the owner or handler remove the animal from the College property immediately.

### **Guidelines:**

The owner of any animal found in any campus facility where animals are not allowed will be requested to remove the animal immediately. Failure to comply with this request will result in the animal being impounded. Animals will also be impounded after a reasonable local search of the campus is conducted if the animal runs loose. Any animal causing a nuisance will be subject to impoundment. Owners of impounded animals will be held responsible for payment of any impound and/or license fees required to secure the release of their animals. Owners of animals on College property shall be liable for the expense of all damages incurred by the animal(s).

Unattended dogs found tied outside a campus building, or causing a nuisance (barking or demonstrating aggressive tendencies) will be removed by the appropriate authority. Animals in the back of a truck or other vehicle having a box or bed must be in a kennel or a truck with a canopy. The owner must remove and properly dispose of any fecal matter deposited by animals on campus.