

# KANSAS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

## PETS ON CAMPUS POLICY (110513-1)

### BACKGROUND

Kansas Wesleyan University wishes to uphold federal, state, and local laws and regulations; ensure the health and safety of its community; preserve the integrity of its grounds, buildings, and other property; and support a healthful educational environment that respects the rights of individuals.

Pets, both running free and brought to campus, pose a significant liability risk to the University and its community members. This policy standardizes the University's position on the management of animals.

Pets can pose a threat to the health and safety of the campus community, as well as to a healthful educational environment (through allergy, excessive noise, animal bites, and disease transmission via fleas, ticks, parasites, viruses, bacteria, etc.). Individuals with disabilities are at particular risk. For instance, dogs running freely pose a particular hazard to individuals using service animals.

Pets on campus can be very destructive, causing damage to grounds, buildings, and property.

### POLICY

Kansas Wesleyan University prohibits pets from the University's buildings and the Sports Complex, except for those animals that are specifically exempted by this policy. In addition, while on property that is owned, operated, or maintained by the University, animals must be attended and restrained at all times.

*Attended and Restrained* means the pet is in the immediate vicinity of an owner, and either on a leash of six feet or shorter, in a cage, or, in the case of a certified Service Animal, voice-controlled. To be considered "attended", an animal may not be left fastened to a stationary object.

This policy includes, but is not limited to, residence halls, academic buildings, administrative offices, outdoor spaces on campus.

### Exempt Animals

- *Research, Clinical or Teaching Animals.* Animals that are officially part of Kansas Wesleyan's teaching, research, and/or clinical programs.
- *Service Animals.* A guide dog, signal dog, or other animal individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability, including, but not limited to, guiding individuals with impaired vision, alerting individuals with impaired hearing to intruders or sounds, providing minimal protection or rescue work, pulling a wheelchair, or fetching dropped items. (Owners must properly dispose of their service animals' waste);
- *Pets in campus apartments,* according to the Student Handbook policies and guidelines.
- *Fish* in containers of ten gallons or less, at the discretion of the Director of Plant Operations.
- *On duty police dogs.*
- In addition, one-time exemptions may be granted for events involving animals. To be granted such an exemption, an individual must make a specific request to the Director of Plant Operations.

## ***KWU Pets on Campus Policy***

### **Failure to Comply**

When an animal is observed on campus as unrestrained or unattended, a reasonable attempt will be made to locate the animal's owner. If the owner is located, they will be requested to remove their pet from the campus. If attempts to find the animal's owner are unsuccessful, the City of Salina Animal Control will be called to pick up the animal. It will be the responsibility of the owner to pick up their pet from the Animal Shelter and to pay any fines/fees due.

### **Damage to Property**

Kansas Wesleyan University will seek restitution for any animal-related damage to university property, facilities, or grounds. The repair or replacement cost of damaged property is the sole responsibility of the owner of the animal that caused the damage/

### **Procedures for Immediate Assistance**

- Where there is clear and immediate danger to person or property, contact the Salina Police at 831-758-7285 (or 911 from a campus telephone).
- To report an animal that is loose or unattended, contact the Salina Police at 831-758-7285 or the Director of Plant Operations at extension 1110 from a campus phone.
- To report chronic violation of this policy on university property, contact the Director of Plant Operations at extension 1110, or email at [victory@kwu.edu](mailto:victory@kwu.edu).
- To report an animal bite, contact the Salina Police at 831-758-7285 (or 911 from a campus telephone).

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