



Animals on Campus Procedures

1. STRATEGIC PLAN THEME AND COMPLIANCE OBLIGATION SUPPORTED

[Curtin University Land and Traffic By-Laws 2008](#)

[Disability Discrimination Act 1992 \(Cth\)](#)

Strategic Plan Theme: [Sustainable Future](#)

2. PROCEDURAL DETAILS

These procedures support the Curtin University Land and Traffic By-Laws 2008, in relation to animals on University lands, particularly section 2.18 (“A person must not, without authority, bring any animal on to University lands”). These procedures only apply to Western Australian campuses.

2.1. Individuals will not bring on to University lands:

- (a.) an animal with fleas or parasites, or any disease that is communicable to other animals or to humans;
- (b.) an animal that has not been properly vaccinated;
- (c.) an animal that is likely to create a disturbance or behave aggressively; or
- (d.) a female animal which is showing signs of being ‘in season’ or ‘in heat’;
- (e.) all animals not authorised in section 2.2, 2.3 or 2.4 of these procedures is restricted.

2.2. The following animals are authorised by these procedures on University lands, including within a building:

- (a.) accredited assistance animals when accompanying a person with disability in accordance with the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992 (Cth)*;
- (b.) animals owned by residents of the residential apartment accommodation and approved by the accommodation manager in accordance with the apartments’ rules and lease agreements as amended from time to time; and
- (c.) animals used by the University for research and teaching purposes, subject to the approval of the appropriate University Committee.

2.3. The following animals are authorised by these procedures on University lands, but not within a building:

- (a.) Animals used by and under the control of Australian Defence Force Officers, Police Officers and official rescue services officers in the performance of their official duties;
- (b.) security dogs, when being used by and under the control of trained Safer Community Team officers or Security contractors;
- (c.) Pet dogs, that are not a dangerous dog nor a restricted dog and are on leads and under control in areas away from the VAMP area; and
- (d.) Pet dogs that are not a dangerous dog nor a restricted dog and remain within an area designated from time-to-time by the Director, Properties, Facilities and Development to be an off-leash area.

2.4. The Director, Properties, Facilities and Development may, at their discretion, grant specific authority to bring animals on University lands. The privilege of bringing an animal on to University Lands is subordinate to the health, safety, and comfort of persons who may come into contact with the animals.

2.5. Where specific authority has been granted, the person bringing the animal onto University lands must ensure that:

- (a.) they keep the animal restrained and under continuous full control, in the presence of the person at all times;
- (b.) they remove any faeces deposited by the animal immediately and completely;

- (c.) they comply with any statutes or regulation governing the management of the animal (e.g. State or Local Council regulations governing the control of pets and animals in public places);
 - (d.) they do not take the animal into any restricted areas (e.g. laboratories, food preparation and dining areas, etc.), unless the animal is exempted by law or the authority;
 - (e.) the animal at all times shows no signs of endangering people's health or the health of other animals; and
 - (f.) they comply with all provisions applicable to the granting of the authority.
- 2.6.** The Director, Properties, Facilities and Development (or nominee) may revoke an animal's authorisation (whether authorised by these procedures or specifically by the Director) at any time and for any reason, including for reasons listed in these procedures or for an animal that:
- (a.) causes any person to experience allergic reactions, fear, or any other physical or psychological discomfort; or
 - (b.) distracts anyone from their work.
- 2.7.** An individual in charge of an animal may, per the Land and Traffic By-Laws 2008, be asked to leave University land, and take the animal with them, or may be removed from University land.
- 2.8.** The University may obtain the assistance of external authorities to remove an animal from University lands.
- 2.9.** A person who brings an animal to University Lands is completely and solely liable for any injuries or any damage to persons or property caused by the animal. Any repair, cleaning or maintenance costs incurred by an animal will be charged in full to the person.
- 2.10.** Per the Land and Traffic By-Laws 2008, a person must not, without authority, disturb, frighten, shoot at or throw missiles at, or attempt to capture or kill, an animal.
- 2.11.** A person will not (without authority) feed native, feral or stray animals, and should notify the Service Coordination Centre of the presence of feral or stray animals on University land.
- 2.12.** Director, Properties, Facilities and Development may approve specific identified areas within University lands to:
- (a.) permit any, some, or all animals, for specific purposes or events as part of its business or operation.
 - (b.) prohibit any, some, or all animals, for specific purposes or events as part of its business or operation.

3. RESPONSIBILITIES

Responsibilities are as set out in section 2.

4. SCOPE OF PROCEDURES

These procedures apply to all members of the University community (which includes Council members, students, staff, University Associates, Curtin controlled entities, and all persons participating in University business or activities, including whether as a visitor, adjunct appointee, service provider, or contractor).

5. DEFINITIONS

(Note: Commonly defined terms are located in the [Curtin Common Definitions](#). Any defined terms below are specific to this document)

Dangerous dog

Any dog that has:

- (a.) attacked or killed an animal or person;
- (b.) repeatedly threatened to attack an animal or person;
- (c.) repeatedly chased an animal or person; and/or
- (d.) any dog that has been declared dangerous by a Local Authority or an Australian Legal Court.

Restricted dog

A dog listed as a dangerous dog (restricted breed) in the [Dog Regulations 2013 \(WA\)](#) and includes:

- (a.) American Pit Bull Terriers or Pit Bull Terriers;
- (b.) Japanese Tosas (Japanese Mastiff);
- (c.) Dogo Argentino (Argentinean Fighting Dogs);
- (d.) Fila Brasileiro (Brazilian Fighting Dogs);
- (e.) Perro de presa Canario or presa Canario (Canary Mastiff);
- (f.) any other breed of dog the importation of which is prohibited absolutely by the [Customs \(Prohibited Imports\) Regulations 1956 \(Cth\)](#).

University lands

As defined by the [Curtin University Act 1966 \(WA\)](#)

VAMP area

The [Vehicle Access Management Plan area](#).

6. SCHEDULES

Nil

7. RELATED DOCUMENTS/LINKS/FORMS

[Curtin University Act 1966 \(WA\)](#)

[Customs \(Prohibited Imports\) Regulations 1956 \(Cth\)](#)

Disability Discrimination Act 1992 (Cth)

Curtin University Land and Traffic By-Laws 2008

[Dog Regulations 2013 \(WA\)](#)

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