

ANIMALS ON CAMPUS PROCEDURE

Section	Occupational Health and Safety
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Purpose:

- That domesticated animals do not cause a nuisance or hazard on university property to any person, stock, poultry, domestic animal or protected flora and fauna,
- The potential benefits to well-being of animal companionship to an individual are considered.
- Consider potential disruption to the university's operations,
- To consider allergies & phobias relating to animals,
- Consider aggressive behaviour of animals to an individual
- The university's duty of care under the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015

For the avoidance of doubt, access of domesticated animals on campus, (unless provided for by law) is to be avoided at any time.

In the event that an animal is brought on campus, it must be under direct control of the person responsible for the animal at all times. Voice command is not regarded as direct control.

Campus Security can require any person responsible for an uncontrolled animal to immediately remove it from the campus.

Procedure:

Permission is required for animals to be brought onto a Massey University Campus site. Permission maybe granted by a person's Head of School/Department, or SLT member if required, or where an event with animals is planned, the event manager/organiser. Any decision to consider animals on campus must be accompanied with a hazard risk assessment that is signed off by a Campus Occupational Health and Safety Advisor before permission can be granted.

Permission for animals to be on campus is not required in the following situations.

- Animals which are used for teaching and research with appropriate Massey University Animal Ethics approval.
- Animals which are used for teaching, farm, dairy and other activities related to the commercial enterprise of the university not covered by point (i)
- Disability Assistance Dogs
- Animals who are patients of the Veterinary Teaching Hospital, Companion Animal Hospital, Equine Veterinary Clinic, Farm Services Clinic, and Wildbase.

Definitions:

“Disability assist dog” means a dog certified by 1 of the following organisations as being a dog trained to assist (or as being a dog in training to assist) a person with a disability.

- (a) Hearing Dogs for Deaf People New Zealand:
- (b) Mobility Assistance Dogs Trust:
- (c) New Zealand Epilepsy Assist Dogs Trust:
- (d) Royal New Zealand Foundation of the Blind:
- (e) Top Dog Companion Trust:
- (f) an organisation specified in an Order in Council made under section 78D of the Dog Control Act 1996”.

Audience:

All Massey University staff, students, contractors, and visitors to Campuses.

Relevant Legislation:

Dog Control Act 1996

Legal Compliance:

Palmerston North City Council Bylaws
Wellington City Council Bylaws
Auckland City Council Bylaws

Related Procedures:

None

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