



ANIMALS ON CAMPUS POLICY

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A. INTENT

The purpose of this policy is to provide a safe, healthy, and clean environment for members of the AUArts community by restricting the presence of animals on campus and limiting any associated health and safety hazards, disruption, nuisance, and anxiety in the workplace.

B. SCOPE

This policy applies to the AUArts building in its entirety.

C. POLICY STATEMENT

1. General

- 1.1 No animal shall be permitted to be in distress at any time while on AUArts premises.
- 1.2 No person may bring an animal into the AUArts building, with the following exceptions:
 - a. A service dog as approved by AUArts as per section 3 of this policy;
 - b. A guide dog as approved by AUArts as per section 3 of this policy;
 - c. Animals serving as part of an emergency services unit, such as police, fire, or ambulance; or
 - d. An animal approved by AUArts, as per section 2 of this policy.
- 1.3 Any authorized animal brought into the AUArts building must be on a leash, displaying City of Calgary licenses and any other licenses required, be under the direct control/supervision of its owner/handler, and may not be left unattended.
- 1.4 Animals, including service dogs and guide dogs, permitted in the AUArts buildings shall be removed from the premises if the owner/handler does not control the animal’s behaviour and the behaviour disrupts education activities or poses a direct threat to the health and safety of those on the premises or to the building environment.

- 1.5 In situations where there is significant risk to the health and safety of others or the animal is in significant distress, AUArts reserves the right to contact a Bylaw Enforcement Officer to remove the animal.
- 1.6 Owners are responsible for ensuring that their animals are always leashed, are solely responsible for the actions of their animal, and are liable for any injury or damage caused by their animal while in the AUArts building.
- 1.7 An animal owner is responsible for cleaning up and disposing of all forms of animal excrement in a responsible manner. In the event of a conflict between a service or guide dog and another approved animal, the non-service/guide animal will be removed from the situation until a resolution can be arranged.

2. Animal on Campus Application

- 2.1 If a person or group wishes to bring an animal into the AUArts building, and the animal is an education/research animal or for a special event:
 - a. The person or group must apply for permission to Campus Operations using the Application Form, attached as Appendix A to this policy.
 - b. The application must be in relation to an AUArts-approved event/activity.
 - c. The application must be submitted at least two weeks prior to the event/activity.
 - d. The application must include, under the description of animal, whether the animal has ever been designated a nuisance animal or vicious animal at any time in any municipality.
 - e. If the application is approved, the person or group that submitted the application is responsible for all cleaning and/or repair costs incurred because of the animal's presence at AUArts

Please contact Campus Operations for further information on the process of bringing an animal on campus.

At this time, Emotional Support Animals (ESAs) are not permitted on campus.

3. Service Animal Requests

- 3.1 Persons with a disability who are accompanied by a service dog or guide dog may access the public areas of the AUArts building without notifying any University staff.

There may be circumstances where allowing a person with a service or guide dog into restricted University areas may not be feasible for health and safety reasons. An example of such situation includes but are not limited to:

- a. A studio environment, where chemical and/or equipment present hazards to other persons and/or to the service or guide dog.

If deemed necessary, a risk assessment will be conducted by the Health, Safety, and Environment team in consultation with the Learning Assistance office for student requests and Human Resources for employee requests. The assessment will identify:

- a. The risks inherent with the service or guide dog being in the areas of concern; and
- b. Alternate measures available to enable the person with a disability to access this service.

3.2 In some circumstances, accommodations may not be able to be made to allow a person with a service animal into a space for health and safety reasons. In these specific scenarios, Campus Operations, Learning Assistance, and the Dean, Student Services will consult to develop an appropriate response and course of action.

3.3 If other persons are present who are allergic to dogs or are afraid of dogs, the rights of both parties will be considered. The Director, Campus Operations will consult academic staff and a reasonable compromise should be found, which may include understanding that service and guide dogs receiving extensive training and testing to ensure they are appropriate in public spaces and do not pose a risk.

Persons with allergies are encouraged not to touch a service dog and the owner may use a small mat or bed that can be removed for cleaning.

3.4 If it is not readily apparent that an animal is a service animal. Campus Operations or Security may ask the person with the service animal to provide verification of the animal's duty. It should be noted that the use and safety of the service animal is the responsibility of the person with a disability.

D. DEFINITIONS

AUArts Community:	AUArts' governors, executive and senior leaders, employees, students, contractors, suppliers, volunteers, and visitors
Animal:	Any bird, reptile, amphibian, or mammal excluding humans and wildlife. For the purposes of this policy, this will include a pet.
Distress:	As defined in the Animal Protection Act, an animal is considered to be in distress if it is: <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Deprived of adequate shelter, ventilation, space, food, water or veterinary care or reasonable protection from injurious heat or cold

- Injured, sick, in pain or suffering
- Abused or subjected to undue hardship, privation, or neglect

Education/research

Animal: An animal that AUArts has approved the use of for research or teaching

Emotional Support

Animal (ESA) Under the City of Under the City of Calgary Responsible Pet Ownership bylaw, a companion animal that a mental health professional has determined provides a benefit for an individual with a disability.

Guide dog: Under the Blind Persons Rights Act, a guide dog means a dog trained as a dog for a blind person and having the qualifications prescribed by regulations.

Leash: The means of directly controlling an animal's movement, including but not limited to a harness, chain, strap, lead, or bridle.

Owner: Under City of Calgary Responsible Pet Ownership bylaw, the natural person or body corporate:

- Who is the licensed owner of the animal
- Who has legal title to the animal
- Who has possession or custody of the animal, either temporarily or permanently
- Who harbours the animal or allows the animal to remain on his premises

Pet: An animal that is domesticated and intended for human companionship.

Service Dog: As defined in the Service Dogs Act, a dog trained as a guide for a disabled person in a manner established in regulations. For the purpose of this policy, a service dog must be accompanied by the person for whom the dog provides service.

E. RELATED POLICIES

- Code of Conduct Policy

F. RELATED DOCUMENTS

- Student Conduct Procedure

G. RELATED LEGISLATION

- Post-Secondary Learning Act
- Blind Person Rights Act
- Service Dogs Act
- City of Calgary Bylaw: 47M2021 Responsible Pet Ownership

H. REVISION HISTORY

Date (mm/dd/yyyy)	Description of Change	Sections	Person who Entered Revision (Position Title)	Person who Authorized Revision (Position Title)
12/14/2023	Updates to reflect name change from ACAD to AUArts	All sections	Director, Campus Operations	VP Finance and Operations
12/14/2023	Updates to name of City of Calgary Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw as amended	Section E	Director, Campus Operations	VP Finance and Operations
12/14/2023	Updates to reflect the process for service dog and guide dog requests.	Section C	Director, Campus Operations	VP Finance and Operations