Dartmouth
GEISEL SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Pet Policy

Summary of Purpose

The basis for this policy includes health reasons (e.g., some people are allergic to dog or cat dander), educational reasons (e.g., barking, panting, etc. tends to disrupt concentration during lectures), and professional reasons (e.g., many guests and patients, and some faculty and students find the atmosphere unprofessional if it includes such pets). Therefore, this policy establishes the guidelines for pets at the Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth.

Scope and Applicability

This policy applies to all Geisel medical students, faculty, and staff.

Definitions

Pet: For the purpose of this policy, a pet does not include service or therapy (comfort) animals.

Policy Statement

- Except for dogs which assist the disabled, pets are not permitted in classrooms, libraries, research and/or teaching labs at Dartmouth's Geisel School of Medicine.
- Pets must be on a leash and directly always supervised by their owners in other areas of the buildings.
- Leashed pets outside buildings for extended periods of time is inappropriate. The Hanover Police (643-2222) will be contacted to pick up the pets left unattended for prolonged periods of time (e.g., due to exposure to uncomfortable temperatures) or which are felt to be a nuisance. The pet's owner will be responsible for all associated expenses that are incurred.
- Because of New Hampshire State regulations for health care facilities, pets are not permitted in Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center buildings, including the Matthews-Fuller Health Sciences Library, Rubin, Borwell and Williamson Building.

Procedure

None.

LCME Standard

None.

Related Information: Documents, Policies, Links, Etc.

University Documents

None.

Other Documents

None.

Related Links

Pets on Campus Policy

Policy Administration

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History

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Background

None.