

## Animals on Campus Procedure

<b>Regulations Supported:</b>	<i>By-Laws</i>		
<b>Audience:</b>	Staff, Students, Public		
<b>Contact Officer:</b>	University Secretary	<b>Phone:</b>	See Campus Directory

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### Preamble:

Murdoch University is an accredited animal research institution and is governed by relevant legislation and University policies concerning animals used for research and teaching purposes. Animals for research and teaching purposes, as approved by the Animal Ethics Committee, are excluded from this procedure, as are natural fauna.

Biosecurity is a high priority for a research and teaching institution. Animals can and do pose risks to the hygiene, health and safety of people, other animals and the environment. Teaching and research, as the University's core business, need to be protected from unintended impacts of other animals. This procedure assists compliance with the University's biosecurity requirements and aims to protect the natural flora and fauna on campus.

The Murdoch University By-Laws states:

14. (1) *No person shall, without authority:*

- (a) *bring any animal upon University land; or*
- (b) *allow or fail to prevent any animal to be on University land, unless the animal is a guide dog or a hearing dog being used to assist the movement of a visually impaired or otherwise disabled person or the animal is being brought upon any part of University land upon which animals may be brought for the purposes of treatment or University purposes.*

This procedure implements the above By-Laws by setting out principles for all animals on University premises for University purposes that are not formally associated with research or teaching.

A Temporary Permit is required to bring an animal onto campus except for:

- accredited animals accompanied by the relevant officers on official duties e.g. police horses or security dogs;
- animals that have been appropriately assessed or certified, and accompanied by their handler/owner who needs to carry both permit and proof of assessment (e.g. library dog assessed or certified by a behaviourist veterinarian);
- animals being transported directly to and from the Murdoch Veterinary Hospital or other such premises for treatment and examination;
- any Tenant of Murdoch University with a lease that permits animals on its premises;
- animals owned by residents of the St. Ives Murdoch Retirement Village approved by a Director of Murdoch Retirement Services Pty Ltd or the appointed Village

Manager of the St. Ives Retirement Village, in accordance with the Village's rules and lease agreements from time to time in force; and

- dogs walked through campus by members of the public on major sealed designated pathways and roads such as Discovery Way and Campus Drive. Dog walking is not permitted on lawns, landscaped areas, sports facilities. Off-lead exercise is not permitted anywhere on University Land.

### **Objectives:**

1. To implement the Murdoch University By-Laws in relation to animals on University premises.

### **Implementation Steps:**

1. Any person wishing to bring animal/s on campus must apply in writing via the FM Helpdesk for a Temporary Permit which is only granted by the General Manager Campus Operations and Services or delegate for extraordinary circumstances where the animal:
  - 1.1. is key to the activity which must support the University's business objectives or the University's mission; and
  - 1.2. does not pose any significant risk to the University's obligations as an organization or accredited animal research institution.
2. The Animals on Campus Permit form is attached to this procedure or can be accessed via the Property, Development and Commercial Service Office (PDCSO) website:  
<http://our.murdoch.edu.au/Campus-and-Facilities-Management-Office/PDCSO-Forms/>
3. Animals granted a Temporary Permit must:
  - 3.1. be restrained and under effective control at all times;
  - 3.2. not pose a risk, threat or discomfort to any individual or property; and
  - 3.3. be free from infectious disease.
4. A person bringing an animal with a Temporary Permit onto University premises must:
  - 4.1. not take the animal into any restricted areas (e.g. laboratories, food preparation and dining areas, etc), unless the animal is exempted by Law;
  - 4.2. be able to produce appropriate identification on request including a copy of the relevant permit and/or proof of assessment;
  - 4.3. comply with any conditions in the Temporary Permit as set by PDCSO;
  - 4.4. remove any faeces or related material associated with the animal, having regard for hygiene, health and safety, and environmental protection;
  - 4.5. comply with any statutes or regulations governing the management of the animal (e.g. local council regulations concerning dog breeds);
  - 4.6. ensure that any adverse event or issue arising while on University premises is reported to Campus Security and/or PDCSO immediately; and
  - 4.7. accept liability for all costs and damages related to any adverse impact arising from bringing an animal not formally associated with research or teaching onto University Premises.
  - 4.8. Murdoch University via the General Manager Campus Operations and Services or delegate reserves the right to amend and/or revoke any Temporary Permit.

**Performance Indicators:**

There are no performance indicators.

**Definitions:**

**The definition of these terms appears in the "Dictionary of Terms". Please refer to the "Dictionary of Terms" in Policy and Procedure Manager™ to ensure you are referring to the latest version.**

There are no key terms.

**Related Documents:**

Animals on Campus Permit (attached)

Animals on Campus Process Flow (attached)

[By-Laws](#)

**References:**

*Disability Discrimination Act 1992 (Cth)*

**Approval and Implementation:**

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