Expectations, Rights, and Responsibilities

• The care and supervision of all animals is the responsibility of the individual with the animal.
• If the animal is not under control of its owner or handler and the individual does not take effective action to control it; the animal is not housebroken; the animal’s presence poses a direct threat to the health or safety of others or the animal has a history of such behavior; or the animal’s presence fundamentally alters the nature of a program or service, the individual may be asked to remove the animal.
• All dogs must be leashed, harnessed, or tethered, unless the dog is a service animal and the restraint interferes with the animal’s work or the individual’s disability prevents using these devices.
• Animals may not be tethered to university buildings, structures, motor vehicles, trees, railings, light poles, benches, parking meters, posts, etc.
• Alaska state law requires dogs, cats, and ferrets to have rabies vaccinations, and the Municipality of Anchorage requires dogs to be licensed. Additional documentation regarding health and vaccination of animals may be required by law.
• Individuals with service and assistance animals are not charged extra fees or deposits, however all individuals with animals will be held responsible for any damage caused by their animals.
• The animal’s handler shall be responsible for the immediate and proper disposal of animal waste.
• Individuals other than the owner or handler should not touch, feed, or otherwise distract service and assistance animals. They are working animals who must remain attentive to their duties.
• If an individual is concerned about exposure to an animal (e.g., the individual experiences severe allergies), that individual may request an accommodation through Disability Support Services (if a student). UAA is committed to balancing the needs of individuals with the needs of the university community and appreciates the cooperation of all students, faculty, staff, and visitors.
• Provided the expectations of this policy are followed, pets shall be allowed in campus buildings during the following times:
  • Before 7 am and after 8 pm Monday through Thursday
  • Before 7 am and after 5 pm on Friday
  • All hours during weekends and during official UAA holiday closures
  • All hours during the breaks between the end of one semester and the beginning of the next, and during spring break
• Pets will not be allowed at any time in any kitchen, food serving or dining area, or any area where classes, meetings, group studying, or social activities are taking place, or in laboratories using chemicals or involving hazardous procedures.