Pets and Animal Access Policy

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| HSS Unit: | Health Sciences Building Management |
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1. **Purpose**

This policy establishes which animals are allowed in the Health Sciences facilities and under what conditions.

1. **Scope**

This policy applies to all UW faculty, staff, students, and visitors to Health Sciences facilities. Health Sciences facilities include Magnuson Health Sciences Center (MHSC), Health Sciences Education Building (HSEB), Foege building, South Campus Center (SCC), and the Animal Research and Care Facility (ARCF).

1. **Definitions**

**Service animal:** please refer to [APS 46.6](https://policy.uw.edu/directory/aps/section-40-personnel/aps-46-6-service-animals/) for the definition of a service animal.

**Service animal in training:** please refer to [APS 46.6](https://policy.uw.edu/directory/aps/section-40-personnel/aps-46-6-service-animals/) for the definition of a service animal in training.

**Emotional support animal (ESA):** please refer to [APS 46.6](https://policy.uw.edu/directory/aps/section-40-personnel/aps-46-6-service-animals/) for the definition of an emotional support animal.

**Handler:** please refer to [APS 46.6](https://policy.uw.edu/directory/aps/section-40-personnel/aps-46-6-service-animals/) for the definition of a handler.

**Therapy animal:** an animal that is used for therapeutic purposes, typically as part of a sponsored or volunteer event.

**Pet:** Any animal which is not a service animal, service animal in training, therapy animal, or emotional support animal.

1. **Policy Statement**

Pets are strictly prohibited in all Health Sciences facilities.

Service animals and service animals in training are permitted in Health Sciences facilities. Per APS 46.6, service animals and service animals in training may be restricted from accessing some areas. The designated disability services office can assist with accommodations for handlers who need access to restricted areas.

Access for emotional support animals should be assessed as a request for accommodation by your designated disability services office. The designated disability services office will evaluate ESA access needs during the accommodation determination process. If you have received an approved accommodation, please notify HS Building Management.

Building occupants who have service animals should notify their designated disability services office of their intent to bring a service animal into the facility.

Service animal, service animal in training, and emotional support animal handlers are responsible for complying with APS 46.6 and [Chapter 478-128 WAC](https://apps.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?cite=478-128).

Therapy animal events are managed by [Classroom Services](https://hss.washington.edu/classroom-services/). Please contact them for more information about their current event policies. Therapy animals are otherwise not allowed in department owned or common areas of the building.

If found in violation of any of the established UW or building policies, the animal owner will be asked to remove the animal from the building. HS Building Management will be responsible for ensuring that pets are removed from Health Sciences facilities. The ADA coordinator will be responsible for investigations related to service animals and approved emotional support animal conduct.

1. **Revision History**

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