



## **Animal Control Policy**

### **Purpose**

This policy provides rules and regulations concerning the control of domestic animals in all facilities and locations owned or operated by Hollins University in an effort to provide for a safe and secure learning and working environment for its students, employees, and visitors.

This policy also outlines procedures concerning the control of wild animals that routinely populate the campus grounds and properties.

### **Definitions**

**Immediate physical control** is defined as some kind of restraining device, (leash, tie out, kennel), that keeps the animal from being able to leave the immediate vicinity of the owner or custodian.

**Nuisance animal** is defined as any dog, cat, or other domestic animal, which unreasonably annoys humans, endangers the life or health of other animals or persons, or substantially interferes with the rights of citizens, other than its owner, to the enjoyment of life or property. Such acts of nuisance shall include, but are not limited to the following:

- Damages property other than that of the owner;
- Attacks or disturbs other animals, persons or vehicles by chasing, barking or biting;
- Makes excessive noises including but not limited to, barking, whining, howling, caterwauling, or crying;
- Creates noxious or offensive odors;
- Defecates upon any public place or upon premises not owned or controlled by the owner, unless promptly removed by the animals owner; or
- Creates an unsanitary condition or insect breeding site due to an accumulation of excreta or filth.

**Running at large** is defined as roaming, running off the property of its owner or custodian and not under its owner's or custodian's **immediate physical control** at all times.

**Wild animal** is defined as any natural wildlife that is not domesticated and under the control of humans. Wildlife includes, but is not limited to; deer, coyotes, squirrels, birds, snakes, bear, skunks, rabbits, ground hogs, feral hogs, etc.

### **Applicability**

This policy applies to all Hollins University faculty, students, visitors and contracted service representatives and to all property owned, leased, operated or controlled by Hollins University

### **Policy**

At no time should any dog, cat or other pet animal be in any residence hall, any administrative building, or any academic building. The only exceptions are to working animals for purposes of aiding those with disabilities, or for verifiable academic reasons.



At no time should the owner of any dog permit such dog to run at large on any property owned or controlled by Hollins University. All dogs must remain under the ***immediate physical control*** of its owner or custodian.

At no time may any person allow their animals to become nuisance animals.

At no time should any dog be allowed on the university tennis courts. The surface of the tennis courts can become damaged by the nails of dogs. The athletics department has requested that campus security officers enforce this policy on the tennis courts.

At no time should any community member interfere with the passage of natural wild animals on the campus grounds and properties. Campus security will contact Roanoke County Police for advice on dangerous wildlife found on campus.

### **Procedures**

Roanoke County Police will remove nuisance animals or dangerous wildlife from the campus property. HU security officers are not eligible for certification to act in the authority of an animal control officer and they will not be required to capture nuisance animals or dangerous wildlife. Wildlife is natural to the campus properties and shall be left alone until the time that they become dangerous or a nuisance to campus grounds or buildings.

Roanoke County Ordinances pertaining to dogs, cats, and other animals:

*Sec. 5-41. Required:*

*It shall be unlawful for any person to own a dog or cat four (4) months old or over in this county, unless such dog or cat is currently licensed under the provisions of this division. (Code 1971, § 5-14; Ord. No. 2135, 9-26-78; Ord. No. 72688-11, § 1, 7-26-88; Ord. No. 41294-7, § 1, 4-12-94)*

### **Sanctions**

Any employee violating this policy will be subject to **a fine of \$100** by the university. Any student violating this policy will be subject to **sanctions through the judicial board and a fine of \$100** by the university. Any visitor violating this policy will be subject to being barred from campus. **Reparations for damages caused by someone's pet will be the responsibility of the pet's owner.**

### **Exclusions**

This policy does not apply to law enforcement officials or working animals for purposes of aiding those with disabilities, or for verifiable academic reasons.

### **Interpretation**

The authority to interpret this policy rests with the President, and is generally delegated to the Vice President for Finance and Administration.

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