

1 Animals on Campus (Service, Emotional 2 Support, Pets, and Other Animals on 3 Campus)

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6 Contact: [General Counsel](#)

7 Introduction

8 This policy addresses the presence and possession of animals on Iowa State University property,
9 including its buildings and grounds. This policy also explains the university's requirements and
10 guidelines regarding the use of service and emotional support animals.

11 ISU is committed to fostering an inclusive environment for all members of its community, including
12 individuals with disabilities who require service or emotional support animals. In order to support
13 individuals with disabilities and promote adherence to laws requiring accommodations for individuals
14 with disabilities, including the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act, the Fair Housing Act,
15 and the Iowa Civil Rights Act, this policy and the accompanying procedures and guidance provides
16 information concerning the appropriate use of and procedures associated with service and emotional
17 support animals on university property.

18 Policy Statement

- 19 • **Buildings:** Animals are not allowed in Iowa State University ("ISU" or the "university")
20 controlled buildings subject to the specific policy exemptions detailed in this policy and
21 accompanying procedures and guidance.
- 22 • **Grounds:** Non-dangerous animals are generally permitted on ISU grounds but must be
23 attended to, physically restrained, and under the control of the owner/person responsible for
24 the animal at all times. Animals found running at large on university grounds, or unattended
25 and tied to a fixed object on university grounds, or unattended in university buildings may be
26 impounded and turned over to an appropriate university, city, or state agency.
- 27 • **Health and Safety:** Animals may be restricted from areas when and where their presence
28 presents a health, safety, or sanitation concern. Animals brought on university property must
29 be properly licensed and vaccinated under the laws of Iowa and evidence indicating such
30 license and vaccination must be presentable. The owner is responsible for the prompt
31 removal and proper disposal of any fecal matter or solid waste deposited by the animal.
- 32 • **Damage:** The owner is solely responsible for any damage to persons or property caused by
33 the animal. ISU may seek restitution from the owner for any animal related damage or costs.
- 34 • **Violations:** Violation of this policy may also result in the animal being barred from ISU
35 property, disciplinary action to the owner, and/or referral to appropriate law enforcement.

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37 Scope

38 As detailed more fully in the accompanying procedures and guidance document, specific rules and
39 guidelines apply to the following animals on university property:

- 40 • Service animals as defined and detailed in this policy and accompanying procedures and
41 guidance.
- 42 • Emotional support animals (“ESA”) approved as a reasonable housing accommodation by
43 the appropriate university office as defined and detailed in this policy and accompanying
44 procedures and guidance.
- 45 • Animals receiving treatment at the Lloyd Veterinary Medical Center or other approved facility,
46 as defined and detailed at <https://vetmed.iastate.edu/vmc>.
- 47 • Animals used for teaching and research purposes as approved by the Institutional Animal
48 Care and Use Committee (IACUC). Requests for such uses must be submitted to the Office
49 of Research Ethics at phone: 515-294-9581; email: iacuc@iastate.edu;
50 web: <https://www.compliance.iastate.edu/committees/iacuc>.
- 51 • Animals used for special events or demonstrations as approved by the Event Authorization
52 Committee (EAC). Requests for such events or demonstrations must be submitted to EAC at
53 phone: 515-294-7711; email: orm@iastate.edu;
54 web: <https://www.riskmanagement.iastate.edu/students/animals>.
- 55 • Animals utilized for official purposes by the ISU Police Department or other law enforcement
56 agency.
- 57 • Animals utilized or living at off-main-campus farms, ranches, and/or other teaching and
58 research facilities as approved by ISU Research and Demonstration Farms. Questions about
59 such animals may be directed to Research and Demonstration Farms at phone: 515-294-
60 5045; web: <https://www.farms.ag.iastate.edu/>.
- 61 • Animals in university housing. Questions about such animals may be directed to the
62 Department of Residence at web: <https://housing.iastate.edu/forms/admin/animal>.
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64 Contact and Enforcement

65 The Iowa State University Police Department (ISU PD) serves as the university office primarily
66 responsible for the implementation, enforcement, and administration of this policy. ISU PD may be
67 contacted regarding this policy at:

68 Iowa State University Police Department
69 2519 Osborn Drive
70 55 Armory
71 Ames, Iowa 50011
72 Email: dpsinfo@iastate.edu
73 Phone: 515-294-4428 or 911

74 ISU PD should be contacted in response to the following animal related issues and concerns:

- 75 • Emergencies and other immediate assistance.
- 76 • Animal bites and attacks.
- 77 • Disruptive, unsafe, unrestrained or unattended animals on ISU property.
- 78 • Damage to ISU property caused by animals.
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80 Additional campus resources regarding animals on campus are detailed below in the Resources and
81 Related Information section of this policy.

82 **Procedures and Guidance**

83 For important procedures and guidance on the application of this policy, see the online [Procedures](#)
 84 [and Guidance](#) document.

85 **Resources and Related Information**

<i>Subject</i>	<i>Department</i>	<i>Contact Information</i>
Special events and demonstrations involving animals	Office of Risk Management, Event Authorization	1700 Administrative Services Building 2221 Wanda Daley Drive Ames, IA 50011-1004 orm@iastate.edu Ph. 515-294-7711
Off-main-campus facilities, farms, ranches, etc.	ISU Research and Demonstration Farms	103 Curtiss Hall, 513 Farm House Lane Ames, IA 50011-1054 Ph. 515-294-5045 FAX 515-294-6210
Animal medical clinics and treatment facilities	Lloyd Veterinary Medical Center	1809 S Riverside Drive College of Veterinary Medicine Iowa State University 515-294-4900 (small animal hospital) 515-294-1500 (equine & food animal hospital)
Student academic accommodations	Student Accessibility Services	1060 Hixson Lied Student Success Center 215 Beach Rd Ames, IA 50011-2030 accessibility@iastate.edu 515-294-7220 https://sas.dso.iastate.edu/
Student housing-only accommodations	Department of Residence and Student Accessibility services	1060 Hixson Lied Student Success Center 215 Beach Rd Ames, IA 50011-2030 accessibility@iastate.edu 515-294-7220 https://www.housing.iastate.edu/contracts-and-assignments/

		https://sas.dso.iastate.edu/assistance-animals
Faculty/staff employee accommodations	University Human Resources	3810 Beardshear Hall 515 Morrill Rd. Ames, IA 50011 hrshelp@iastate.edu 515-294-4800 phone 515-294-8226 https://www.hr.iastate.edu/workplace-accommodations
Disability discrimination or harassment	Office of Equal Opportunity	3410 Beardshear Hall 515 Morrill Road 515 294-7612 eooffice@iastate.edu https://www.eoc.iastate.edu/resources-and-policies/discrimination-and-harassment

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87 **Resources**

88 **Links**

- 89 • [Ames Municipal Code, Chapter 3 - Animals](#)
- 90 • [Iowa Code Chapter 216C](#)
- 91 • [Iowa Code § 216.12](#)
- 92 • [Iowa Code § 216.8B](#)
- 93 • [Iowa Code § 216.8C](#)
- 94 • [Fair Housing Act, 42 U.S.C. §3601 et seq., as amended](#)
- 95 • [Section 504 Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 U.S.C. 794, as amended](#)
- 96 • [Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C., § 12101 et seq](#)
- 97 • [U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division, Frequently Asked Questions about](#)
- 98 [Service Animals and the ADA](#)