UNIVERSITY CENTRE POLICIES

UC-7 | BUILDING PET POLICY | EFFECTIVE: MARCH 1, 2019

Authorization: University Centre Board

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GENERAL: The University Centre Board recognizes the social, educational and recreational aspects of the University Centre building and the responsibilities attached to the achievement of those goals. It further recognizes that to some, what may be considered a pet may pose a health or safety hazard to the University community. To ensure fairness to the entire University community, the following rules govern acceptable permission for pets in the building.

SCOPE: All organizations, groups, individuals and University departments with space located in the University Centre and all public community members including external guests.

- 1.0 **DEFINITION:** Pets are defined as any and all species of domesticated animal including mammals, reptiles and rodents that is kept as a companion and regularly cared for by an individual.
- **2.0 ALLOWANCE:** All types of pets as defined above are not permitted within the building at any time under any circumstances.
- **3.0 EXCEPTION:** Assistive Animals, defined as Service/Support Animals and Service Dogs in Training through an Accredited Training Organization, when accompanied by their handler are permitted in the building at any time providing they are identifiable as an Assistive Animal, as prescribed by the University's Animals on Campus Policy.
- 3.1 SPECIAL PERMISSION: A request may be made to the Operations Manager or their delegate to temporarily permit pets in the building for any event where the intended purpose is for the pet to serve as a therapeutic resource for the University community.
- **4.0 ENFORCEMENT:** It is the responsibility of the Operations Manager or his/her delegate to enforce this policy. All unauthorized pets in the building must be removed immediately, any continued instances of violation of this

policy will be referred to Campus Community Police for handling under the University's Animals on Campus Policy.

5.0 REFERENCE: University of Guelph Animals on Campus Policy (https://www.uoguelph.ca/hr/hr-services/occupational-health-and-wellness-policies/animals-campus-protocol).