

ANIMALS/PETS ON CAMPUS POLICY

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PURPOSE:

At Garrett College, safety and security on campus is of paramount importance. The College will make every effort to ensure the safety and security of the campus community and its visitors.

POLICY:

In order to provide for a healthy and safe environment for members of the campus community to study, work and live, to comply with local animal ordinances, and to ensure public safety, it is the policy of the College to restrict animals from all campus buildings with exemptions granted for:

1. Service animals which assist people with disabilities (as required by the *Americans With Disabilities Act*),
2. College- approved activities,
3. Approved residence hall live-in staff (see *Residence Hall Professional Staff Pet Application and Agreement*),
4. Emotional Support Animals in the Residence Halls (see [Policy](#)).

The Director of Institutional Compliance & Safety, unless otherwise stated, will be responsible for granting/approving exemption requests and/or enforcing related procedures.

Animals are permitted outdoors in public spaces on campus. Owners/handlers are responsible for compliance with state and local laws concerning animals (including registration, vaccinations, and tags), for leashing their animals, for cleaning up any waste created by the animal, and for any damage caused by the animal to individuals or property while on College property. Pets should not be left in vehicles and are not permitted to be tied up outside of buildings. The College reserves the right to require the owner/handler to remove the animal from campus and to prohibit the animal from being permitted back onto College property.