

POLICY FOR THE REGULATION OF ANIMALS

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PETS

John Cabot University ('JCU' or 'the University') regulates any and all animals on campus, including in University-owned and -rented property, such as the residences. This regulation of animals aligns with JCU Community Standards to promote community health and wellbeing and to safeguard against any practice or behavior that would interfere with the normal operations of the University or jeopardize the safety of community members and the wider public.

This policy outlines which animals are authorized to be present on University property, and the implications of such authorization, including standards for animal owners and other community members, in compliance with Italian law. These regulations and procedures are applicable to all JCU community members and external visitors or guests, in all University-owned and -rented spaces.

Definitions

1. **Pet**

An animal that is kept as a companion and that is not livestock or for laboratory testing purposes.

2. **Emotional Support Animal (ESA)/Assistance Animal**

An animal that provides emotional support to alleviate one or more identified aspects of an individual's disability or disabilities.

An ESA is not necessarily individually trained to perform specific tasks.

3. **Service Animal**

An animal, usually a dog, that is individually trained to do work or perform tasks for individuals with a disability or disabilities.

4. **Owner**

The legal possessor of one or more of the categories outlined above.

Policy

Neither pets nor ESAs are permitted on campus or in University-owned or -rented buildings, including offices, terraces, or vehicles.

Service Animals may accompany their Owners on campus and in University-owned or -rented property. Certain spaces may be restricted for specific reasons, such as health and safety concerns. These spaces include, but are not limited to, rooms that house machinery, spaces in which hazardous chemicals and cleaning products are stocked, areas where protective clothing must be worn, and locations where equipment must be used. Access to spaces that are generally off limits, such as art studios, may be permitted on a case-by-case basis to allow for individual needs in accordance with the [JCU Disability Accommodations Policy](#).

[Authorization to Bring a Service Animal into JCU Space](#)

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In order to bring a Service Animal into JCU spaces, Owners of a Service Animal will have to follow the procedures for obtaining a disability accommodation, providing recent documentation of a disability necessitating the support of a Service Animal.

Students

Both undergraduate and postgraduate students should contact the Office of Disability Accommodations at disabilityaccommodations@johncabot.edu.

The request must be made by the time the student pays their tuition deposit or housing placement fee. Details of payment deadlines may be consulted on the JCU website.

Staff

Employees should make their request to the Chief of Staff at kfedele@johncabot.edu

Faculty

Both tenured and adjunct professors and teaching staff should make their request to the Dean of Academics at deanofacademicaffairs@johncabot.edu

Owner Responsibilities

The Owner alone is responsible for their Service Animal, both at the moment of entry into Italy or exit from the country, and for the duration of the time at JCU. Owners must present to the relevant University office an annual clean bill of health, issued by a registered veterinarian. The University has the right to ask for documentation that attests compliance with regional or national ordinances, laws, and/or regulations.

Upon receipt of approval, the Owner commits to meeting the following requirements:

- Always keep control of the animal
- Ensure appropriate conduct of the animal that does not interfere with the normal operations of the University
- Assume financial responsibility for bodily injury or property damage
- Dispose of animal waste promptly and appropriately
- Maintain correct hygiene of the animal

When outside the Owner's accommodation unit, the animal must be kept within a transport box or secured to a harness or leash that does not exceed six ft. (182.88 cm.) in length; the Owner should retain control of the opposite end of this restraint.

In the event such constraints are impractical for the purposes of performing the animal's work, or are incompatible with the Owner's disability or disabilities, the Owner must remain in full control of the animal through other effective means, such as voice command.

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Owners are expected to comply with designated University personnel with regards to all terms of this policy, such as agreeing upon an outdoor relief area, and appropriately disposing of animal waste.

Expectations for Community Members

All JCU community members must respect the following expectations for interacting with Service Animals and their Owners:

- Do not touch a Service Animal
- Do not feed a Service Animal
- Do not harass a Service Animal
- Do not separate or attempt to separate an Owner from their Service Animal: in accordance with this policy, Service Animals must be permitted to accompany their Owner at all times and in all places on campus, except where animals are prohibited for reasons of health, safety, or security.

JCU community members are also asked to respect the following ADA guidelines:

- You may not ask about the nature or extent of an individual's disability
- You may not require proof that the animal has been certified, trained, or licensed as a Service Animal
- You may not require the animal to wear an identifying vest or tag
- You may not ask that the animal demonstrate its ability to perform the task or work

Removal of Service Animals

In the following instances, the University reserves the right to remove a Service Animal from campus, temporarily or permanently, or to require the Owner to do so:

- The Owner fails to comply with the terms of this policy
- The animal poses a threat to the health or safety of the JCU community
- The animal causes significant damage to University property or to the property of one or more of its community members
- The animal causes unreasonable³ disturbance, or unreasonable interference with the routine operations of the University

Conflicting Health Conditions

The following offices and individuals are available to work with members of the community negatively impacted by the presence of a Service Animal (for example, allergies, phobias, respiratory diseases):

- Health & Wellbeing
- Disability Accommodations
- Housing (in the case the Owner is a JCU resident)
- Chief of Staff (where the Owner is a staff member)

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- Dean of Academics (for Owners who are professors or teaching staff)

Resources

The Office of Disability Accommodations and the Chief of Staff will coordinate as necessary with other offices such as Housing for the implementation of appropriate and reasonable adjustments.

The Office of Health & Wellbeing offers support and assistance to community members who may be adversely impacted by the presence of an animal on campus. Staff will liaise with the appropriate office to reach a resolution or make reasonable accommodations to support the wellbeing and safety of all community members.

For further information on Service Animals, refer to the relevant section of the [American Disabilities Act](#).