

# Code of Conduct for Dogs (animals) on Campus 2016-2017

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## Policy Statement

Not all members of our community feel comfortable in the presence of animals and in addition, the health of some members of the community is compromised by the presence of certain animals.

The University has to date relied on pet owners to be respectful of the pet and of other community members, and to take full responsibility for their pet. However, it is necessary to set out in writing a general statement of the standard of behaviour expected of persons who bring pets to campus.

## Code of Conduct for Staff, Students, Tenants and Visitors

1. No pets/animals allowed in University buildings at any time. (Registered guide and helping dogs for those with registered disabilities are exempt. Staff houses are also exempt).
2. Given the above, persons are strongly advised not to bring animals onto campus without carefully considering the reasons, (if any), for bringing them to campus, and the needs of their animals, their welfare, and the sensitivities of other members of the community.
3. Persons bringing dog/animals onto campus may do so on the strict understanding that the dogs are kept on a lead at all times. Animals are not permitted to enter University buildings and owners are expected to clean up and dispose of appropriately any mess created.
4. Persons bringing a pet/animal to campus should remain with their animal at all times.
5. The University does not support or approve of the storage of dogs in cars within the University car parks and will take action where in our view, the welfare of the animal or the reputation of the University is at risk.
6. Animals should not be permitted to impede normal movements of any person on campus nor be permitted to interfere with the ability of any student, employee or other person to visit, work or study on campus.
7. Dogs/animals are not be allowed onto the sports pitches, on ornamental grass areas, gardens or experimental plots.
8. No sick pet/animal should be brought on to the campus. All pets/animals should be vaccinated in accordance with good veterinary practice.
9. Special arrangements can be made by agreement with the Principal for exceptional circumstances, under controlled conditions.

## Consequences and Complaints

- Persons bringing pets/animals on campus will be held responsible for any costs or consequences of damage caused by their pet/animal and may be subject to discipline as is warranted and appropriate in the circumstances.
- Persons bringing pets/animals onto campus must observe appropriate considerate behaviour at all times.
- Anyone found to be in breach of any of these rules and guidance must comply with a request from a member of University staff to desist. Formal complaints will be dealt with by the Director of Estates or their Head of School / Department and may be subject to a fine of £25 on each occasion.