



# TOURO UNIVERSITY

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## C A L I F O R N I A

### Service Dog Policy

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#### **WHO SHOULD READ THIS POLICY:**

- Vice Presidents, Deans, Directors and Department Heads
- Faculty
- Staff
- Students
- Off Campus Groups

#### **REASON FOR POLICY:**

##### **I. Purpose**

This section outlines policies and procedures designed to control the nuisance and potential health hazards created by dogs, cats and wild animals on campus. Research animals are not covered by this policy.

#### **POLICY STATEMENT:**

##### **I. Definitions**

- A. Assistance dog:** A dog that has been or is being trained as a guide dog, signal dog, or service dog.
- B. Guide dog:** A dog that has been or is being specially trained to aid a particular blind or visually impaired person, as defined in Civil Code section 54.1.

- C. **Signal dog:** A dog that has been or is being specially trained to aid a particular deaf or hard of hearing person, as defined in Civil Code section 54.1.
- D. **Service dog:** A dog that has been or is being specially trained to aid a particular mentally or physically disabled person with a disability other than sight or hearing, as defined in Civil Code section 54.1.

## II. Policy

### A. Dogs

1. Dogs, except for (i) police dogs and (ii) guide, signal, and service dogs used by disabled persons or (iii) dogs in training to be guide, signal or service dogs and in the company of those licensed to train such dogs (as defined by California Civil Code Section 54.1), are not permitted on the campus or campus buildings, except during approved sponsored events.
2. Guide, signal or service dogs shall be on a leash and tagged as a guide dog, signal dog, or service dog by an identification tag issued by the county clerk, animal control department or other agency as authorized by Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 30850) of Title 14 of the Food and Agricultural Code.
3. Trainers of guide, signal or service dogs shall check-in with Campus administration to notify campus administration of the presence of such dog on the campus.
4. Dogs are not allowed in research areas.
5. A valid county dog license must be worn at all times by any dog on campus.
6. Fecal matter deposited by dogs on campus must be removed immediately by the owner.
7. Persons shall be liable for any damage done to the premises or facilities by his or her dog.

### B. Unattended or loose animals

1. Unattended animals found tied outside a building or on campus grounds without proper shelter or water, causing a nuisance (barking or aggressive tendencies), will be reported to Solano County Animal Services.
2. Loose animals or wild animals, including feral cats, causing a nuisance or threat to humans or research animals will be caught and/or reported to Solano County Animal Services.

3. Any animal, exotic or domestic, in any unattended motor vehicle without proper food, water, or ventilation, or subjected to extreme temperatures that could affect its health or safety, will be reported to Solano County Animal Services.

**III. Limitations.** Nothing in these policies or procedures shall be construed or interpreted to limit individuals with disabilities from enjoying full and equal access, as other members of the general public, to those facilities and places described in California Civil Code section 54.1(a)(1) or to violate any right to employment or housing provided for in any State or Federal law.

#### **IV. Procedures**

A. Reporting animal control issues

1. Contact Facilities at 638-5800 to report animal control issues.
2. During evenings, weekends, and holidays contact the Touro University Security at 638-5804 for animal control issues.
3. Contact Facilities at 638-5800 for pest control issues on campus grounds.

B. Wild Animals

1. Sightings of injured or potentially dangerous wild animals such as mountain lions, coyotes, or bears on campus should be reported to Facilities or campus Security.

#### **V. References**

- A. California Civil Code Section 54.1 and 54.2
- B. California Penal Code 365.5
- C. Federal Regulations, Title III of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (Public Law) 101-336
- D. California Food and Agricultural Code, Title 14, Chapter 3.5, Section 30850

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## SERVICE DOGS LETTER OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT

By signing this letter you acknowledge your responsibilities as a licensed dog trainer for guide, signal and/or service dogs and that pursuant to California Civil Code section 54.2 you are financially responsible for any damages done to the facilities or premises by your dog. You shall ensure that your dog is on a leash at all times and tagged as a guide dog, signal dog, or service dog by an identification tag issued by the county clerk, animal control department or other agency as authorized by Chapter 3.5 (commencing with section 30850) of Title 14 of the Food and Agricultural Code.

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_