Policy Regarding Dogs and Other Animals on Campus
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The goals of this policy are to maintain campus health and safety, and to make the campus a comfortable place for individuals who may be afraid of, or allergic to, dogs or other animals.

1. Dogs are not allowed in buildings on campus and must be leashed and with their owner at all times when outside. The one exception is for service animals (as defined by the American with Disabilities Act), which are permitted on the following conditions:
    a. A service animal must be under the control of its owner at all times.
    b. Indoors, service animals that accompany students must remain quietly at the student's bench, in the bench room, at all times. Service animals are never permitted to enter a machine room.
    c. Outdoors, service animals must be leashed at all times, with leash lengths not to exceed 10'.
2. No service animal will be permitted on campus if its behavior has endangered any person's health and safety.
3. While on campus, the owners of service animals must pick up and appropriately dispose of their animals' fecal waste.
4. For purposes of this policy, "service animals" are those qualified as such under the Americans with Disabilities Act. Clarification as to what does or does not qualify as a service animal under the act may be found here*.
    a. Under the ADA, a service animal is defined as a dog that has been individually trained to do work or perform tasks for an individual with a disability. The task(s) performed by the dog must be directly related to the person's disability.
    b. A dog must be trained to take a specific action when needed to assist the person with a disability.
    c. Emotional support, therapy, comfort, and companion animals are not considered to be service animals under the ADA.