Policy: **Animal Control**	
Issuing Department**:** **Campus Public Safety**	
Date last revised: **April 2006**	

PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to require restraint of all animals on campus at Western Oregon University.

POLICY

It is the policy of Western Oregon University to protect the health and safety of employees and citizens by prohibiting animals from all campus buildings and facilities except when approved for persons with disabilities or research. All animals must have a leash attached while on university-owned property.

PROCEDURES

DEFINITIONS:

1. Animal - Any bird, reptile or mammal kept as a pet.
2. Leash - Any rope, strap, chain, or similar device not exceeding six feet in length, held in the hand of a person capable of controlling the animal to which it is attached.

REGULATIONS:

1. Unattended - Persons bringing animals on university-owned property are not to leave the animal unattended for any length of time.
2. Leash - No person shall attach any animal by the use of any leash or other device, to any tree, pole, fence, sign, building, fire hydrant, vehicle or other object on university-owned or controlled property.
3. Vehicle - Persons shall not confine or attach an animal within or to a motor vehicle, either leashed, tied or loose, in such a way that the animal can extend beyond that vehicle, or without minimal care as required in ORS 167.310.
4. Control - Capable persons are to have control of the animal with the use of a leash while on campus property.
5. License - Animals are not permitted on campus property unless currently licensed.
6. Location - Animals are only permitted in areas of public accommodation (i.e. campus buildings, athletic fields and facilities, etc.) if the animal is a guide dog

for the blind, companion dogs for the deaf, or canine/animal companions for independence, including companion/guide animals in training. Animals permitted in non-public areas of accommodation (i.e. residence halls) are only those animals that a person with a disability needs/uses as a reasonable accommodation.

7. Research - Animals under the guidance or control of university employees and used for the purpose of research or other academic endeavors, are exempt from these regulations.
8. Exceptions - Persons requesting an exception to these regulations are to make a formal written request to the Director of Campus Public Safety, who will have the authority to grant or deny the petition based on safety, health and sanitation considerations. No considerations will be given for companionship or having no one to watch the pet.
9. Sanctions - Any person who violates these regulations may be subject to one or more of the following:
    a. Warning;
    b. Issuance of a university Notification by a Campus Public Safety Officer or designated administrative officer;
    c. An order to leave the premises and to remove the animal from university-owned or controlled property;
    d. Disciplinary action, if a student or university employee.

Animals found on university controlled property in violation of this policy, may be impounded and released to the local law enforcement agency if the owner is not located.

AUTHORITY

ORS 167.310 and accompanying statutes; ORS 351.070 Ordinance - The City of Monmouth Regulation of Animals, Chapter 42, and Nuisance Ordinance, Chapter 44, together with any adopted amendments is applicable and enforceable on university-owned and controlled property within the city.

The office of Campus Public Safety is responsible for the monitoring, tracking of and compliance with state statutes, city ordinances as they relate to campus animal control regulations.

RESPONSIBILITY

Vice President for Finance and Administration and Director of Campus Public Safety

Date of next review: **April 2011**

Alternate formats of this policy are available from the Office of Human Resources.