

VERMONT TECH

Manual of Policy and Procedures

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PURPOSE

Vermont Technical College has established this policy to ensure consistency in the area of pets on college property.

Vermont Technical College supports the use of individually trained service dogs, as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act, for the benefit of individuals with documented disabilities.

STATEMENT OF POLICY

No domestic animals, with the exception of the following categories, are allowed to be in college owned or leased buildings:

- Service Dogs
- Emotional Support Animals*
- Animals associated with the Vet-Tech program
- Animals at the Vermont Tech farm
- Pets kept in a Resident Director's apartment**

*Only after being registered with the Coordinator of Disability Services.

** VTC Policy 208 defines how Resident Director may keep pets in their apartment.

Animals visiting college grounds shall be on a leash or under verbal control at all times and may not be left unattended or tied to any objects (e.g., structures, trees, or vehicles). The Public Safety office will arrange to remove the animal from college owned or leased property without notice.

All damages caused by an animal are the responsibility of the owner or guardian of the animal at the time of the damage; repairs will be billed accordingly. This policy applies to all members of the College community. Failure to adhere to this policy may result in fines up to \$250 and other disciplinary action.

Individually trained service dogs may reside in a residence hall in the room of their owner who is solely responsible for the animal's behavior and sanitary conditions.

Service dogs in classroom, labs and other learning environments must be under the control of the owner at all times. Owners should respect the rights of others in the learning setting by

ensuring that the dog is not disruptive. Disruptive dogs will be prohibited from being in learning environments.

Service dogs are prohibited from kitchens and food preparation areas, utility rooms and hazardous service areas.

POLICY MODIFICATION HISTORY

- I. The following dates reflect chronological changes made to this policy which are henceforth considered depreciated.
 - a) November 2005
 - b) October 2009
 - c) July 2014

Signed By:  Patricia Moulton President
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