

Texas Wesleyan University Pet and Stray Animal Policy

BACKGROUND

The University is experiencing a significant number of stray animals on its property. In some instances, University employees have taken possession of these animals and provided shelter within University facilities or property. Although intentions are good, harboring stray animals or pets on University property could expose the University and its employees to significant risk and liability. Issues such as disease, infestation or injury could result. In addition, the *Residential Hall Handbook* currently prohibits students from having pets in residence halls.

POLICY

Pets or stray animals are not allowed within University buildings at any time. This policy extends to all varieties of animals or pets, with the exceptions listed below. The policy applies to all University buildings, including, but not limited to, office space, classrooms, residential living halls, libraries, athletics, administration and storage areas.

Exceptions: This policy does not apply to animals or other living organisms used for educational purposes. Please reference established policies regarding laboratory animal research. Seeing-eye dogs for the sight-impaired, police dogs and household fish in properly maintained aquariums are also exempt from this policy.

Due to safety and health considerations, employees should not approach stray animals observed on campus. The City of Fort Worth Animal Control should be notified directly by calling (817) 871-8877, extension 4230. If the situation requires immediate attention, please call security at extension 4911.