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- (A) This policy is intended to assure the College mission is not disrupted by a visiting animal, to protect humans from injuries and disease from animals, to protect the health and welfare of animals brought on the College campus, and to assure compliance with federal, state, and local regulations. This policy applies to individuals seeking permission to bring an animal not owned by the College onto campus for a temporary period of time.
- (B) Animals that are owned or housed by the College must follow Federal Animal Welfare Act and Animal Welfare Regulations.
- (C) This policy does not permit animals to be on College property or in buildings that are owned or operated by the College unless:
 - (1) The animal is a service animal, assisting a person with a disability, and is therefore protected by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Policy 11-05 . A person with a disability does not require the permission of the College to bring a service animal on College property. A service animal is defined by the ADA as “any animal individually trained to work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability, including, but not limited to, guiding individuals with impaired vision, alerting individuals to an impending seizure or protecting individuals during one, and alerting individuals who are hearing impaired to intruders, or pulling a wheelchair and fetching dropped items.”

Or

 - (2) The animal owner, or faculty member, has followed the Columbus State Community College Animals on Campus Procedure to receive pre-approval for the purpose of bringing the animal(s) onto College property, assuring compliance with the Federal Animal Welfare Act.
- (D) Columbus State Community College reserves the right to revoke permission for any non-service animal to be on College property, or in buildings that are owned or operated by the College.

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- (E) Individuals observing stray animals, animal abuse, animal injuries or injuries caused by animals on College property should report the incident to the Columbus State Community College Public Safety Department.
- (F) Animal owners receiving permission to bring a non-service animal(s) on College property must follow the “Attending Veterinarian” recommended method of transportation and restraining the animal(s).
- (G) While on campus the animal must be cared for within accepted standards of care for the species.
- (H) This policy does not supersede federal, state, or local statutes.