
Animals on Campus – Policy 630.00

Johnson County Community College
Series 600: Safety and Security
Section 630: Animals on Campus Policy

Applicability: This Policy applies to all students, employees and visitors.

Statement: Johnson County Community College has the responsibility to provide a safe and healthy learning environment. The uncontrolled or unsupervised presence of animals on campus compromises that environment.

Definition: A “service animal” is one that is individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability, and the work or tasks performed by the animal are directly related to the individual’s disability. This definition encompasses all “service animals” as defined by the applicable regulations to the [Americans with Disabilities Act](#), and encompasses all “assistance dogs” as defined by applicable [Kansas statutes](#).

1. All domestic animals on College property, including open space, athletic fields, playing fields and intramural areas, must be leashed and under personal control of the owner at all times. Animals are not to be tied to or secured to trees, posts, shrubs and/or left unattended. Each owner is responsible for his/her animal, including clean-up.
2. To protect public health and safety, animals are not permitted in College buildings, subject to the following exceptions:
 - a. A service animal assisting an individual with a disability;
 - i. The service animal must be under the control of its handler. Where it is not readily apparent that an animal is a service animal, the College may ask if the animal is required because of a disability and what work or task the animal has been trained to perform,
 - ii. JCCC may exclude a service animal if the animal is not housebroken; would pose a direct threat to the health, safety or property of others that cannot be reduced or eliminated by a reasonable accommodation; is out of control and the individual does not take effective action to control it; would fundamentally alter the nature of a program or activity; or is not being cared for the by the individual,
 - iii. JCCC is not responsible for the care or supervision of service animals. Individuals handling a service animal are responsible for the control of their animals at all times and for ensuring the immediate clean-up and proper disposal of all animal waste. Individuals must comply with all applicable laws and regulations, including vaccination, licensure, animal health and leash laws,

- iv. Although JCCC will not charge individuals handling a service animal a service animal surcharge, it may impose charges for damages caused by a service animal in the same manner the College imposes charges for damages to property,
 - b. A service animal or professional therapy dog accompanied by a qualified handler or professional trainer in certain areas open to the general public, subject to the restrictions and requirements set forth in the applicable [Kansas statutes](#);
 - c. Animals used for authorized research projects or experiments; or
 - d. Animals used as part of an academic program.
3. All animals on a JCCC campus must have current vaccinations evidenced by a tag on the animal or a vaccination certificate in the immediate possession of the owner.
4. A control agency will be called to remove and impound disruptive, aggressive, unattended or at-large animals. All animals are subject to the applicable city codes regulating animals (e.g., <http://www.opkansas.org/Overland-Park-Municipal-Code>).

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