

PET POLICY

NEW SECTION:

WAC 174-136-300 PET-POLICY PURPOSE. This policy and its implementation procedures intend to govern the control and treatment of pets and other animals on and in The Evergreen State College's campus and buildings.

NEW SECTION:

WAC 174-136-310: PET POLICY - DEFINITIONS:

(1) PETS AND OTHER PET ANIMALS - any animal other than:

- (a) a human being;
- (b) a caged bird; and
- (c) a fish in an aquarium.

(2) PHYSICAL CONTROL - control by means of a leash, cage, bridle, bowl, or other restraining device held by or leading from the pet animal to the owner or keeper. Voice control or indirect control by, for example, tying a leash to a railing, shall not constitute physical control.

(3) OWNER OR KEEPER - the person the pet or other animal is accompanying.

NEW SECTION:

WAC 174-136-320: PET POLICY - ANIMAL CONTROL: All persons bringing animals onto college property shall be subject to Thurston County Code 9.10.050 et seq., as amended, relating to the keeping and control of pet animals. Pets and other animals will not be allowed in campus buildings except for: guide dogs accompanying sightless persons; shows or other similar approved events; or research or other study of animals sponsored as part of the instructional program. Pets and other animals may be on campus only when under the physical control of their owners or keepers. No animal shall be permitted to run at large; animals left tied up in the absence of the owner shall not be considered under direct control but, rather, to be running at large. Any pet animal found in a college building, or on campus not under direct physical control is subject to impounding according to provisions of the Thurston County Code, as amended, attached to and made a part of this policy.

NEW SECTION:

WAC 174-136-330: PET POLICY - ENFORCEMENT: Any pet or other

animal in a College building, or on the campus, not under the direct physical control of its owner or keeper, is subject to impounding by the Campus Police Chief or his/her designee.

Owners or keepers may be subject to disciplinary action. Although principal responsibility rests with campus security, community support is urged in reminding pet owners of their obligation if a violation is observed by a community member. Impounded animals may be turned over to the Thurston County Animal Control if left unclaimed, and fines may be imposed by County Animal Control.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS: This policy allows for a pet owner initiated formation of a Pet Owner's Association which could in its charter provide for 1) complaint resolution about enforcement; 2) support for enforcement activities; 3) fund-raising and advocacy for the renovation/expansion of kennels and/or a large enclosed dog run subject to facilities approval. This policy expects that pets and other animals must at all times be treated with due care and consideration for their well being.