

# Standards: Managing Dogs at University Events

STD-U5620.04A

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**Authority:** [POL-U5620.04](#) Allowing Animals on University Property

## Purpose of Standards

The purpose of these standards is to help ensure the safety and health of the dogs, their handlers, and those the dogs may interact with. **Unless specifically noted as optional, all standards listed below are required.**

## Standards

As allowed by policy POL-U5620.04, dogs may be authorized by the sponsoring Dean/Director to participate in University sponsored events. The Dean/Director can consult with partnering departments to ensure appropriate event provisions are in place including the required standards below.

- 1) Dogs, other than trained service animals that are assisting persons with physical, mental and/or sensory disabilities, are not allowed in University buildings. To have dogs participate in a University sponsored event, the event organizer must obtain written authorization in accordance to the *Allowing Animals on University Property* policy (POL-U5620.04).
- 2) The handlers are directly responsible for their own dog and must be controlled by that person at all times.
- 3) Water is to be kept available for the dogs at all times.
- 4) Handlers must promptly clean up and appropriately dispose of animal waste using waste bags.
- 5) In the event of an emergency (i.e. animal bite), plan ahead of time for what you will do if an emergency should occur such as having a first aid kit and cell phone available.
- 6) For liability reasons, promptly report *any* incidents of biting or other accidents immediately to University Police (650-3911) and seek appropriate medical attention as necessary.
  - a. All accidents resulting in an injury, must be reported through the University accident reporting process within 24 hours. The report is **not** an admission of fault but is a state notification requirement and helps with tracking trends and directs future prevention efforts.
  - b. All accidents with **no** injuries, or property damage, which could easily have resulted in injury or damage **or** a safety/hazard concern which could easily result in future injury, illness, or property damage should be reported using the *Near Miss or Hazard Report*.

Forms are located at: <https://ehs.wvu.edu/accident-hazard-reporting>

- Accident Injury Report
- Near Miss or Hazard Report

- 7) Keep interaction by other dogs to a minimum.
- 8) If any dog seems restless or agitated by interactions of other people and/or the dogs present (or passing dogs), remove the dog(s) from the event. This includes barking so as not to disturb surrounding passersby and classrooms.