University Policy ES-09.02-04/17

Policy Title: Wildlife and Domesticated Animal Control

Originator: Environmental Health and Safety

Responsible Office: Environmental Health and Safety

Reason for Policy/Purpose:

To set forth University policy concerning wildlife and domestic animal control on the University's main campus and within University facilities.

Policy Statement:

The University of West Florida is located in an area that is inhabited by various species of wildlife. The University endeavors to protect all wildlife, in particular, the wildlife species that are designated as endangered, threatened, or protected by federal and state laws and regulations.

Animal Control Restrictions include the following:

- No person shall disturb, harm, or molest any wildlife found on campus.
- Only service animals are permitted within University buildings. Pets may be walked on campus provided they are on a leash.
- Only approved pets are allowed in the designated pet-friendly areas of campus housing.

Any person found to be in violation of this policy may be subject to disciplinary action under UWF employment policies, the Code of Student Conduct, and/or arrest and prosecution for violations of federal or state law.

The relocation, removal and/or destruction of endangered, threatened, or protected wildlife from the University shall be accomplished by officers of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and Department of Environmental Protection or persons who are licensed and authorized by those agencies to handle wildlife, with approval of the Vice President for Finance and Administration.

The removal of nuisance stray/abandoned domestic animals shall be accomplished by Escambia County Animal Services, the Pensacola Humane Society, the UWF Student Humane Association, or any other entity with authority over stray/abandoned domestic animals.

To initiate the removal or control of animals on the University campus, contact the Environmental Health and Safety Department or University Police.
Change Justification:

This policy is being revised and updated as the result of a review of University Environmental Health and Safety policies.

Authority and Related Documents:


APPROVED: 

Dr. Martha D. Saunders, President  

Date: 4.01.17

History:

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