

Requirements Regarding Animals on State Property

Purpose

This requirement is intended to minimize the occurrence of offensive odors, excretion, fleas, biological agents, etc., on State property and in State buildings, where these or the animal itself may result in health hazards or other concerns to employees and the public or could interfere with the quality of service to the citizens of North Carolina.

This requirement is intended to apply to dogs, cats, gerbils, mice, rats and other mammals; snakes, lizards and other reptiles; canaries, parrots, parakeets and other birds, but is also applicable to other animals which are likely to create similar health hazards, concerns, and/or nuisances.

Scope

Buildings

Animals are not permitted in any State buildings except in the following cases:

1. Service animals providing assistance to handicapped persons;
2. Animals used in research and teaching and authorized by the director of the division.
3. Animals receiving medical diagnosis or treatment in a veterinary facility

General Vaccinations and Flea Control (Applicable to Mammals)

Mammals must have current tags as evidence of rabies vaccination, and be wearing a flea collar or flea tag. (NOTE: Experimental animals under confinement may have their rabies certification and flea control method publicized by methods other than attachment to the animal, provided such information is readily visible in the animal's location.)

The laws and ordinances of the local town and county shall apply to the control of animals on State property and in State operated facilities. Animals brought onto state property must be restrained as provided for in most City / Town / County Codes or Ordinances, i.e., controlled by means of a leash, under direct voice control, within a vehicle, or within a secure enclosure.

Impoundment

Animals on state property in violation of this requirement are subject to being picked up and turned over to the local Animal Control Officer for impoundment. Violations should be reported to the local police department or safety and health officer, which can coordinate enforcement efforts with the Animal Control Officer.

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