

## **Identifier**

## USCSOMG - FCMN-01

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## **LCME Standards**

No Standard

### Scope

University of South Carolina School of Medicine Greenville (USCSOMG) Faculty, Staff and Students

## **Policy Statement**

Guidelines for bringing pets onto the USCSOMG campus

## **Reason for Policy**

Support the use of service animals while also recognizing the health and safety risks created by unrestrained animals on campus.

#### **Procedures**

Service animals are permitted on USCSOMG campus grounds and within the USCSOMG building if they are provided to an individual with a documented disability. This practice follows the GHS Service Animal Policy and regulations set forth by the American with Disabilities Act Amendments Act (ADAAA).

Emotional Support Animals (ESA) may also be permitted when an ESA letter written by a Licensed Mental Health Professional is provided. The ESA letter must be reviewed by a supervisor (Office of Student Affairs for students) and Facilities Manager prior to approval.

All other animals are allowed on exterior grounds but not within the buildings or food establishments. All animals must be leashed, licensed and under the complete control of their owners or handlers at all times. Animals may not be tied or left unattended at any time. Owners and handlers are responsible for the removal and disposal of all excrement deposited by their animals.

For clarity, the USCSOMG grounds are defined as all walkways, green spaces, roadways and parking areas surrounding the USCSOMG building.

Licensing requirements can be found at the following: https://www.greenvillesc.gov/541/Animal-Control. The USCSOMG Facilities team will take responsibility to protect or remove the animals in a situation where they may be in or pose imminent danger.

Individuals may speak with the Facilities Manager for clarification or questions.

#### Sanctions

Failure to comply may result in disciplinary actions.

## **Additional Contacts**

Executive Director, Business Operations and Finance Facilities Manager

## **Related Information**

GHS Pet Visitation Policy S-050-30 GHS Service Animal Policy S-050-28

# History

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