

Animals in Residence Policy

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PREAMBLE

Events involving animals in residence could be considered health and safety risks (depending on the animal, and animal care regiment). As such, organizers wishing to bring animals to campus must obtain special permission from Housing, Facilities Management, and Health and Safety.

Many farm animals, including goats and sheep, are susceptible to Q fever. For this reason, they are not permitted in residence events. However, exceptions can be made for smaller animals, dogs, reptiles, etc.

Cleaning up after animals is a further health and safety concern. Resident's Council, Residence Sophs, Residence Staff, and Facilities Management should not clean up droppings and garbage generated from animal events. Vendors are expected to provide the proper set up (including shavings, tarps, etc.) and clean up materials after the animal visit.

POLICY

Residents' Councils, the Residence Life Management Team, and Residence Staff are permitted to request an event involving animals anytime throughout the year. Residence Head Sophs are permitted to request a petting zoo or animal event for Orientation Week programming. Should a student leader wish to request such an event, they are required to liaise with the OREP Administrative Coordinator to coordinate the event.

Only small animals are allowed within residence and all high risk animals must have a handler present. No large animals, including goats or sheep, are permitted on campus.

When setting up for the event, tarps should be placed on the floor to ensure all droppings are collected.

PROCEDURE

All requests for petting zoos and animals must be managed through the Administrative Coordinator (AC) in the Office of Residence Education and Programs. The AC will then liaise with Occupational Health & Safety and Facilities Management to obtain approval and book the event.

All requests for animals on campus are to be approved by a relevant agent of Occupational Health & Safety. In order to receive approval, up to date Vet Records for each animal must be submitted and the standard clean-up process must be followed.

Email rezevents@uwo.ca for petting zoo and animal requests.

All questions regarding the Animals in Residence Policy can be forwarded to the Programming Coordinator(s) in the Office of Residence Education and Programs.