

## COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF DENVER

Title: Pets on College Property

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### 1. PURPOSE

To assure a safe and healthy environment for the students, staff, faculty, and visitors of the Community College of Denver (College).

### 2. APPLICABILITY

These guidelines apply to all College faculty, staff, and students.

### 3. DEFINITION

- a. For the purposes of these guidelines, "Animal" shall include, but are not limited to dogs, cats, birds, rabbits, and other types of household pets.
- b. Service Animal – Any animal individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability, including, but not limited to, guiding individuals with impaired

vision, alerting individuals with impaired hearing to intruders or sounds, providing minimal protection or rescue work, pulling a wheelchair, or fetching dropped items. Service animals are working to assist the handler and are specifically excluded from these guidelines.

#### 4. POLICY

It is the policy of the College that no animals, with the exception of service animals and animals used for instructional purposes, are allowed in College buildings during hours of instruction or normal business operations. Any exceptions to this policy must be approved by the vice president/provost responsible for the operational area where an individual seeks to have an animal inside a College building. Under no circumstances shall the College be responsible for injuries caused by or to an animal while on College premises.

#### 5. GUIDELINES

These guidelines will be made known to College faculty, staff and students. The guidelines of the College are to inform individuals who bring animals on College premises of this policy. Each incident will be handled in a respectful manner, allowing the animal owner to remove their animal immediately. Failure to conform to these guidelines by faculty, staff and students may result in disciplinary action.