ANIMALS ON CAMPUS

Animals may be brought to school for laboratory classes when requested & approved by instructors or for **other approved events** (e.g., Halloween Costume Contest, Open House Demonstrations, Vaccination Clinics). In addition, animals may be allowed on campus with prior instructor approval.

In order to help provide a quiet testing environment for all students, **pets are not allowed on campus during finals week**.

PROOF OF RABIES VACCINATION:

Per **HB16-1120, Rabies Vaccinations for Dogs and Cats**, requires that all dogs and cats that are 4 months old or older be vaccinated against rabies. Dog and cat owners must ensure that their animals are vaccinated within 90 days after assuming ownership.

Per, HB16-1120, Rabies Vaccinations for Dogs and Cats, students are required to show a Rabies Vaccination Certificate as proof of vaccination.

It is highly recommended that animals brought to campus are fully vaccinated against other diseases, such as distemper, parvo, hepatitis, parainfluenza, feline herpes virus, calici virus, and panleukopenia.

Faculty, Staff, and Students need to provide an original, or a copy, of a valid certificate showing current Rabies vaccination status BEFORE bringing their animal on-campus. Animals must also have completed the required CDC 28-day seroconversion hold following their first rabies vaccination. *This does not apply for animals being brought to campus explicitly for a vaccination clinic*.

- **Student animal rabies vaccination certificates** should be uploaded using the Student Animal Information Form on Populi > Home > Forms (https://belrea.populiweb.com/router/forms/respond/28/319ae05afcfd7aaaeb01c04e4e8a6611).
- **Faculty and Staff must upload current rabies vaccination certificates** for each of their animals by completing the Staff/Faculty Animal Information Form & Rabies Vax Certificate on their Populi profile – Populi > My Profile > Forms (https://belrea.populiweb.com/router/forms/respond/29/ab9a6bbe1b0992bfa6c6b1b14b3b2fee)

KENNELING:

If any animal cannot be brought to class (ie, disruptive, practical exam) then animals must be placed in a **downstairs kennel during <u>all</u> other classes or** be **taken home**.

- Students must fill out **<u>two</u> kennel slips** for their animals.
    - Place one on the **downstairs kennel** and give one to the **front desk**.
- Please **bring appropriate toys, blankets, & food/water bowls** to place in the kennel.
- Students are responsible for **cleaning up** the kennel(s) they used.
    - **Kennel cleaning supplies** are available in the downstairs kennel area.
- Students will be pulled from class to **take noisy or distressed kenneled animals home**.
    - **Do <u>not</u> bring animals that do not kennel well.**
- **<u>Never</u>** kennel your animals **with Bel-Rea's animals** or in the **Bel-Rea animal kennel areas**.

For school wide events (e.g., Halloween Costume Contest, Vaccination Clinics) **kenneling may not be available. In that case effort should be made to find other arrangements (ie. taken home, cared for by fellow students, etc.).**

GENERAL RULES:

Animals must be **properly restrained at <u>all</u> times** while on campus using either a fixed length leash (not retractable) or carrier.

Students are responsible for **cleaning up** after their animals on campus.

- **Bag dispensers** are located on the front lawn and by the Radiology Room.

Do not bring animals to campus that are ill.

Do not bring animals to campus that are aggressive towards other animals or people.

<u>Never</u> leave your pet(s) in the car.

- **Animal Control** will be called to confiscate your animal(s) – they will issue you a ticket that includes a costly fine and mandatory court appearance. If the animal is in crisis, **9-1-1** will be called, which may result in additional costs.

Bottle fed kittens and puppies – Students that are fostering bottle fed kittens or puppies and need to bring them to campus must receive prior authorization from the Chief Operating and Compliance Officer (COCO). The COCO will communicate directly with the students' current course instructors. The student must crate the bottle-fed kittens or puppies except for during feeding times. The student is also responsible for cleaning any surfaces that the bottle-fed kittens or puppies encounter.

BE CAUTIOUS:

Recognize that this is a high-exposure site. Shelter animals are consistently on campus. Any sick, unvaccinated, recently vaccinated, or immune-compromised animals are inappropriate visitors.

SERVICE DOGS:

If you have a **service dog**, please meet with Renelle Wilson (Registrar) to discuss need and legal limitations/best practices in a medical setting **before** bringing your dog to classes or labs. **Instructors will be informed of appropriate service dogs.**

DOG BITE LIABILITIES:

Based on the Colorado Revised Statutes (section 13-21-124), Colorado is a strict liability state, meaning liability falls on the owner of the dog. Students injured by a dog that is in a class or lab at the request of the instructor will be covered under Bel-Rea's student insurance. All other injuries are at the expense of the owner.

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