



Policy Name:	Animals on Campus				
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I. SCOPE

This policy applies to all faculty, staff, students and visitors.

II. POLICY STATEMENT

Animals may pose a real or perceived threat to other members of the college community and may disrupt college activities. Consequently, animals brought into campus buildings present a liability for the college that is not normally associated with college operations. In order to promote a safe, non-threatening and healthy work environment for the members of the college community and to protect the college physical assets, Jones College prohibits animals in campus buildings except as provided below.

III. DEFINITIONS

Campus Building – Any college controlled and/or managed building and/or office on the main campus and extends to county centers.

Handler – Person accompanying an animal or responsible for bringing it to campus.

Pet – Any animal, including amphibians, mammals, reptiles and birds kept for pleasure or companionship.

Service Animal – As defined by the American with Disabilities Act (ADA), a service animal is any dog that is individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of a person with a disability, including a physical, sensory, psychiatric, intellectual, or other mental disability. Revised ADA regulations have provisions for a miniature horse qualifying as a service animal.

IV. POLICY

It is the policy of Jones College that animals are not permitted in college controlled and managed buildings, except as provided below.

Animals brought onto campus grounds must be on a leash, in a carrier, or in a cage. The handler is liable for all actions of the animal and must always be in total control and restraint of the

animal. If an animal demonstrates threatening or aggressive behavior to members of the college community and guests (e.g., growling, scratching, biting), its handler may be directed to remove the animal from college property. The animal handler is responsible for cleaning up after their animal while on campus grounds and disposing waste.

Jones College permits the following animals in campus buildings:

1. Service Animals,
2. On-Duty police, search and rescue, detection or guard dogs,
3. Faculty and professional staff living in campus housing must request approval for having a pet within their assigned residence. The college has full discretion to grant or deny any such request.

Although the above permitted animals may enter campus buildings within the limitations described, these animals must be housebroken and remain under the control of their handler. The care or supervision of a permitted animal is solely the responsibility of its handler. The college reserves the right to exclude an exempt animal whose behavior is disruptive or pose a threat to the health or safety of others.

Anyone who brings an animal to the college is liable for any damages or injuries attributable to the behavior of the animal while on campus and shall indemnify and otherwise hold harmless the College against all related claims.

JONES COLLEGE STATEMENT OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

Jones County Junior College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, sex, or disability in its programs, activities, or employment practices. The following persons have been designated to handle inquiries and grievances regarding the non-discrimination policies: (ADA/ Section 504) Sarah Jones, Director of Counseling & ADA Coordinator, Student Affairs, phone 601-477-4070; email ADACoordinator@jcc.edu and (Title IX) Dr. Brittany Barron, Title IX Coordinator, Hutcheson Hubbard Administration Building, phone 601-477-4127; email brittany.weatherford@jcc.edu. Jones County Junior College, 900 South Court Street, Ellisville, MS 39437.