

**Unitarian Universalist Church of Davis**  
**ANIMALS ON THE CHURCH CAMPUS POLICY**

*Adopted by the Board of Trustees on August 12, 2013*

**Purpose**

To ensure the safety and comfort of humans and other animals in the interdependent web of which we are a part, this policy sets forth guidelines regarding dogs and other animals in the Church's buildings and grounds.

**Guidelines**

- Service animals (animals trained to benefit a person with a physical or psychiatric disability) are welcome in all church spaces. However, a person with a disability may be asked to remove his or her service animal from the premises if the animal is out of control and its owner does not take effective action to control it or if the animal is not housebroken.
- Pets are not welcome at Church events, worship services, or programs involving children or Redbud Montessori, except when they are expressly invited for events such as the Animal Blessing service.
- Pets are welcome on the Church grounds and in the Church office only when in the presence of and under the control of the person who brought them. If a dog or any other animal is perceived as threatening, out of control, or in danger, the person who brought the animal will be asked to remove it from the Church campus. This may include an animal that is not on a leash, not under voice command, behaving disruptively, alone on the Church grounds, or left alone in a car. If the owner refuses to remove the animal, Yolo County animal control officers or other law enforcement officials may be called.
- Individual Church groups may allow pets at their meetings if all members of the group agree that pets shall be welcome.

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