
First Parish Brewster Unitarian Universalist Policy

Policy Title: Animals on FPBUU Property

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Purpose: To describe the conditions and guidelines for bringing Personally-owned Animals on FPBUU property

Congregations' Review Period:

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Effective Date:

POLICY STATEMENT

This policy determines the limitations and procedures for Personally-owned Animals on FPBUU property.

Personally-owned animals are not allowed within FPBUU buildings with two exceptions. In conformance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), Service Animals are allowed within FPBUU buildings. Special Events may allow personally-owned animals within FPBUU buildings if the event has been authorized by the FPBUU Board of Trustees and has clearly communicated to participants that animals might be present.

Personally-owned Animals are allowed on FPBUU grounds as long as the animal is well controlled and does not cause any disruption to activities happening on the grounds. Animals must be on leash or controlled within a car or crate. As part of the control of a personally-owned animal the animal is limited to elimination only on appropriate surfaces, avoiding all buildings and property of FPBUU as well as property of visitors of FPBUU. All solid waste must be removed from FPBUU property by the person managing the animal.

PROCEDURES

1. Incidences of violation of this policy will be reported to the FPBUU Board of Trustees who will determine what, if any, action is needed.

2. Requests for Special Events which will allow Personally-owned Animals within FPBUU buildings must be submitted to the FPBUU Council at least two months prior to the event and will include a publication plan for notifying the participating public that animals will be present during the event. The FPBUU Council will consider the request and its impact to the overall church population and decide whether to approve the request.
3. Emotional Support Animals do not qualify as a Service Animal under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and are not generally granted access to public places. Requests for use of an Emotional Support Animal within FPBUU buildings may be submitted to the FPBUU Council for consideration. Approval is strictly on a case-by-case basis.

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GUIDELINES

No guidelines are recommended at this time.

STANDARDS

No standards are recommended at this time.

DEFINITIONS

Personally-owned Animal – Any animal residing on a person’s property and fully controlled by that person with regards to its welfare.

Service Animal - Defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) as “dogs that are individually trained to do work or perform tasks for people with disabilities”. See the ADA Requirements for Service Animals (https://www.ada.gov/service_animals_2010.htm) for the full definition of a Service Animal and restrictions and conditions related to use of Service Animals.

FPBUU Grounds – The portion of the property owned by FPBUU which is not within a building. This includes lawn areas and parking lots.

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