PETS/ANIMALS OF EMPLOYEES IN THE WORKPLACE
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The establishment of College policy is intended to facilitate the effective and efficient delivery of education and related services to our students, parents, and members of the community.

In order to accomplish this objective, it is necessary to treat every employee of the College in a fair and consistent manner; to establish, to the best of our ability, safe, clean working conditions; and provide a workplace, equipment and materials appropriate for the task at hand.
It is acknowledged that the campus, in great part, is made up of public spaces. For this reason it is often difficult to differentiate between the truly public areas and those spaces which are work spaces.

Nevertheless the workplace is intended to be devoted to the principles described above and in those work spaces the presence of animals not devoted to accomplishing these objectives is disruptive, non-hygienic and potentially unsafe.

Therefore, it is the policy of SUNY Plattsburgh, to prohibit employees from bringing personal pets or other animals into the workplace. This applies to all campus buildings and all State vehicles at all times.

The only exceptions to this general rule would be for animals used as working/aid animals such as guide dogs, animals used in clinics or as part of an academic program, animals used by law enforcement, and animals used in authorized artistic performances on campus.