



## **Animals on Campus Policy**

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### **Responsible Administrative Unit:**

Administration and Operations  
Institutional Compliance

### **Policy Contact:**

Associate Vice President of Institutional  
Compliance; [krcurran@mines.edu](mailto:krcurran@mines.edu)

## **1.0 BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

The Colorado School of Mines (Mines) is committed to providing a safe learning, working, and living environment for students, faculty, staff, and visitors. Mines is also committed to complying with state and federal laws regarding the rights of individuals with disabilities who may benefit from the assistance of animals. In fulfilling these commitments, Mines carefully considers the needs of all members of the campus community when permitting animals on campus.

## **2.0 POLICY**

Animals are only permitted on the Mines' campus if they are necessary and/or required for authorized Mines teaching, public service, or research activities or aiding individuals with disabilities. From time to time, Mines may authorize the presence of animals on campus for other reasons that are consistent with Mines' mission. For the safety of humans and animals, animals are prohibited from food preparation areas, kitchens, laboratories, workshops, or other areas housing hazardous materials or machinery.

Any animal brought to campus must be under the close control of the owner at all times. The City of Golden has a strict off-leash ordinance that specifies dogs must be on a hand-held leash at all times within city limits, including the Mines campus. The ordinance can be found [here](#).

Owners or caretakers of animals must ensure that the animal is vaccinated and licensed as required by federal, state, and local laws.

Owners or caretakers of animals must clean up after their animals while on the Mines campus. Animal owners bear full responsibility for any situations or damages attributable to the animals that require, as determined by Mines, special clean up, painting, refinishing, repairs, or replacements of Mines property.

## **3.0 REGISTRATION**

In order to promote campus safety and to ensure the well-being of animals authorized to be in campus facilities, employees, visitors, and guests must appropriately register all animals, with the exception of service animals, with the Department of Public Safety (Public Safety) **IN ADVANCE** of the animal's presence on campus. The Director of Public Safety is authorized to make exceptions to this policy on a case-by-case basis. Registration will include providing basic information about the animal (species, breed, size, and name), identification of locations where the animal will be, a photograph of the animal, and plans to ensure that the animal is not left unattended while on the Mines campus.

Students who live in Mines-owned housing and are in need of a service animal, a service animal in training, or an emotional support animal are directed to Disability Support Services (DSS), and should refer to the ["Student Guidelines and Procedures for Service Animals, Service Animals in Training, and Emotional Support \(Assistance/Comfort\) Animals in Mines-Owned Housing on Campus"](#) procedures and guidelines.



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### **3.0 SERVICE ANIMALS**

It is recommended that service animals that are on campus on a recurring or continuous basis be registered with the Department of Public Safety.

Mines employees may not make any inquiries about a service animal when it is readily apparent that an animal is trained to assist an individual with a disability (e.g., the dog is observed guiding an individual who is blind or has low vision, pulling a person's wheelchair, or providing assistance with stability or balance to an individual with an observable mobility disability). When it is not readily apparent that a dog is a service animal, Mines employees may ask the following: 1) Whether the animal is required because of a disability; and 2) what work, task, or function the animal has been trained to perform. Please note that protections awarded to service animals are not the same as those awarded to emotional support animals.

Mines employees who have concerns about an individual's use of a service animal on the Mines campus should direct their concerns to the Policy Contact listed above or to the Mines Department of Public Safety. Under no circumstances should a Mines employee address those concerns directly with the individual with the service animal.