# **STOCKTON UNIVERSITY**



# PROCEDURE

#### Domestic Animal and Pet Solid Waste

Procedure Administrator: Director of Plant Management & Housing Maintenance
Authority: N.J.S.A. 58:10A-1 et seq., N.J.S.A. 40:55D-95 et seq., N.J.S.A. 10:5-5, 10:5-29, N.J.S.A. 2C:18-3, N.J.S.A. 4:19-8.2A:42-103, 4:22A-1and Policy VI-81.
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Index Cross-References: VI-81: Pollution Prevention
Procedure File Number: 6880
Approved By: Herman J. Saatkamp, Jr., President

## Coverage

Any individual, including but not limited to a University student, visiting faculty member or other visitor, guest, professional member of the University's academic, administrative, or teaching staff, or other University officer, agent or employee, corporation, company, partnership, firm, association, with whom the University contracts or political subdivision or other individual or corporation coming onto the University's campus becomes subject to the requirements of the Public Stormwater General Permit issued by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection which includes provisions for the Pollution Prevention Policy, VI-81 which is the basis for this procedure.

Any changes to this Procedure shall be approved by the President with notice of the change announced at a regularly held Board of Trustees meeting.

- **Definitions** For the purpose of this procedure, the following terms, phrases, words and their derivations shall have the meanings stated herein, unless their use in the text of this regulation clearly demonstrates a different meaning. When inconsistent with the context, words used in the present tense include the future, words used in the plural number include the singular number, and words used in the singular number include the plural number. The word "shall" is always mandatory and not merely directory.
  - a. <u>Immediate</u> Shall mean that the pet solid waste is removed at once, without delay.

- b. <u>Owner/Keeper</u> Any person who shall possess, maintain, house or harbor any domestic animal or otherwise have custody or control of any domestic animal, whether or not the owner shall be responsible for such domestic animal.
- c. <u>Person</u> Any individual (including but not limited to a University student, visiting faculty member or other visitor, guest, professional member of the University's academic, administrative, or teaching staff, or other University officer, agent or employee), corporation, company, partnership, firm, association, or political subdivision of this State whose conduct on University property is subject to regulation by the University.
- d. <u>Domestic Animal or Pet</u> Notwithstanding provisions of the University set out in the Student Handbook and Wellness Center Webpage outlining appropriate pets on campus, as a general rule, domestic animals are not permitted. This section shall be interpreted broadly to include all animals as defined under N.J.S.A. 4:19-8.2A:42-103, 4:22A-1 but excludes any domesticated animals which may be permitted pursuant to the *Student Handbook* regulations or other animals which are part of approved University programs.
- e. <u>Pet solid waste</u> waste matter expelled from the bowels of the pet; excrement.
- f. <u>Proper disposal</u> placement in a designated waste receptacle, or other suitable container, and discarded in a refuse container which is regularly emptied by the University or some other refuse collector; or disposal into a system designed to convey domestic sewage for proper treatment and disposal.
- g. <u>University</u> Stockton University.
- h. <u>University Property</u> Lands and buildings owned or controlled by Stockton University.

### **Prohibited Conduct**

Any person or any owner or keeper of a domesticated animal or pet is required to immediately and properly dispose of a pet's solid waste deposited on University property.

### **Exemptions to Prohibition**

Any owner or keeper who requires the use of a service or guide dog as defined by N.J.S.A. 10:5-5, 10:5-29, shall be exempt from the provisions of this procedure while such animal is being used for that purpose.

# Violations

- a. Any University student who is found to be in violation of this procedure shall be subject to fines, suspension, expulsion, or other sanctions in accordance with the Student Handbook.
- b. Any University officer, staff member, employee or agent who is found to be in violation of this procedure shall be subject to dismissal, removal, reduction of salary, suspension, demotion, or other disciplinary action in accordance with applicable Federal and New Jersey statutes and relevant contracts or agreements.
- c. Any other person or corporation, company or partnership who has entered into a contract or agreement with the University to provide equipment, materials, supplies or services on University property, and who is found to be in violation of this procedure, shall be subject to sanctions in accordance with Federal and New Jersey statutes or relevant contracts or agreements.
- d. Any visitor, guest or other person who is not identified under a, b, or c above, and who continues to violate this procedure after being duly notified shall be subject to ejection from University property by the University's Police or prosecution for criminal trespass pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2C:18-3.

Approval History:

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| President | 05/08/13 |