Washington and Lee University School of Law

Dog Policy

The Law School has established this policy (a) to ensure a safe, healthy, and pleasant environment for all members of the Law School community; (b) to clarify the obligations of dog owners who choose to bring their dogs to school; and (c) to strike a reasonable balance between the interests of dog owners and the interests of others. Dogs acting as service animals are exempted from this policy, but are subject to the University's service animal protocol, set forth at http://www.wlu.edu/Documents/general_counsel/ServiceAnimals.pdf.

1. A dog brought to the Law School must be under the control of its owner or some person designated by the owner at all times. Dogs brought to the Law School must be quiet, and they must be socialized to being around people and other dogs.

2. Dogs brought inside the building must at all times be leashed, crated, or confined in some other manner (for example, by use of a gate in an office doorway).

3. Dogs on the Law School grounds outside the building must at all times be leashed or under voice control.

4. Dogs may not be left unattended in common areas (whether inside or outside the building), regardless of how they are secured. A dog may be left unattended for a reasonable period in a private office if the door is closed and the door is posted that a dog is present.

5. Dogs may not be brought into classrooms, the Brief Stop, or the dining areas contiguous to the Brief Stop.

6. Dog owners are responsible for promptly cleaning up after their dogs and for the cost of repairing any damages caused by their dogs.

7. Dog owners must make reasonable efforts to keep their dogs away from others who are allergic to dog dander, who may be anxious around dogs, or who otherwise wish to avoid contact with dogs.

8. The Dean's Office may exclude from the Law School any dog whose owner does not comply with this policy.

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