In order to ensure the safety of employees, students, and visitors and to maintain the cleanliness of District facilities, the Board shall establish the following policy pertaining to animals on District property. The District considers the presence of animals on campus to be inconsistent with its educational mission. Therefore:

1. Animals are not allowed in any District building or District vehicle.
   
   Exceptions to this policy are:
   a) An animal specifically trained to assist disabled persons as a guide, service or signal dog.
   b) An animal used for instructional purposes, for a limited time span, and under the immediate control of the instructor or handler

2. All dogs and other pertinent animals within the limits of the District shall be on a leash or harness, of not more than six (6) feet in length, that is securely fastened to the animal and held by the owner. At no time shall any animal be left unattended. This restriction applies to animals confined in any vehicle parked on District property.

3. Owners of dogs and other animals are responsible for removal and disposal of any fecal matter deposited on District property. Owners shall carry a means of carrying or disposing of animal waste.

Owners of animals found on campus in violation of this regulation will be subject to citation and fine as provided by Section 21113 of the Vehicle Code and/or Sections 8.04 through 8.12 of the Marin County Code, and/or have their animals impounded by authorized college officials including the Marin Humane Society.

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