

## **Xavier Animal Guidelines**

**Xavier University** recognizes the importance of animals in the lives of employees and students. However, at the same time, the university must uphold federal, state, and local laws and regulations, care for the integrity of the campus grounds and buildings, maintain the health and safety of the community, and support a beneficial learning environment that respects the rights of individuals as well as animal rights. The following guidelines must be followed while on Xavier University property.

- No animals may be taken inside of University buildings except:
  - Service animals (such as seeing eye dogs) as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990
  - Pets of Residence Hall Directors-a separate policy exist within Student Life & Leadership and will include a deposit (yet to be determined)
  - Priests in Residence
  - On-Duty Police Dogs
  - Fish in containers of ten gallons or less
  - Animals used for research or laboratory purposes
  
- Animals may only be brought on University property provided that the animal is:
  - Secured in the owner's automobile (properly ventilated)
  - With an individual capable of controlling the animal at all times
  - On a leash
  
- Anyone who brings an animal onto University property must:
  - Clean up all messes the pet may make; including properly disposing of waste
  - Assume financial responsibility for any damage to property or injury to individuals caused by the animal.
  
- Tethering an animal to University buildings, trees, lamp posts, benches and other structures is strictly forbidden.
  
- Animals found tethered to University property or on campus property without a leash may be reported to an Animal Control agency.