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Prohibition of the Care, Feeding, or Sheltering of Feral, Wild, or Stray Animals Policy

Date of last board of trustees review: October 14, 2026

The originator of this policy is the environmental health & safety manager. Questions regarding this policy may be directed to the originator by calling 801-957-4902.

1. Policy

The purpose of this policy is to protect the health and safety of the Salt Lake Community College community, maintain college facilities' cleanliness, and preserve local wildlife by prohibiting the feeding, care, or sheltering of feral, wild, or stray animals in or on college facilities. This policy applies to all students, employees, contractors, and visitors to college facilities.

2. References

- A. Wildlife Resources Act, Utah Code Ann. § 23A-1-101.
- B. Cruelty to Animals Act, Utah Code Ann. § 76-13-202.

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Prohibition of the Care, Feeding, or Sheltering of Feral, Wild, or Stray Animals Procedure

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3. Definitions

- A. Abandon: to intentionally deposit, leave, or drop off any live animal.
- B. College Facility: all the real property, including all buildings, grounds, parking areas, sidewalks, and roads that are owned, controlled, leased, or maintained by the college.
- C. Feral: an animal, typically descended from domesticated animals, that is no longer living in a domestic or captive environment.
- D. Stray: an animal that has been abandoned, lost, or separated from its owner.
- E. Wild: an animal that has not been domesticated or tamed.

4. Procedures

- A. Prohibited Conduct
 - 1. Individuals and groups are prohibited from:
 - a. leaving food, water, or shelter on or in any college facility for the purpose of feeding and sheltering animals; or
 - b. abandoning any live animal on or in college facilities.
 - 2. This policy does not apply to service animals. See the [Employee ADA Access and Reasonable Accommodations](#) and [Student ADA Access and Reasonable Accommodations](#) policies.
 - 3. Additionally, this policy does not apply to authorized coursework and research, such as using bird feeders to study behavior, conducting building collision studies, or other field-based research.

B. Reporting

1. Individuals observing feral, wild, or stray animals on campus or who find food, water or shelters on campus for feral, wild, or stray animals should report concerns to [Environmental Health & Safety](#) at 801-957-4902 or [Campus Police Services](#) at 801-957-3800.

C. Removal of Feed Stations and Shelters

1. Facilities and Environmental Health & Safety teams are authorized to work with animal control in a humane and ethical manner to remove and dispose of food, water, and shelters found on or in college facilities.
2. Facilities and Environmental Health & Safety teams are authorized to work directly with the appropriate municipal animal control departments and urban wildlife assistance programs to ensure the appropriate management of feral, wild, and stray animals on or in college facilities.