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## **I. INTRODUCTION (Purpose and Intent)**

The purpose of this policy is to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of students, faculty, staff and the general public on the University of South Florida St. Petersburg (USFSP) Campus.

## **II. STATEMENT OF POLICY**

**A.** Canines, excepting service animals, as defined in U.S. Department of Justice regulations, are not permitted in University of South Florida St. Petersburg (USFSP) patio areas adjacent to swim facilities, in recreational facilities such as basketball and volleyball courts, in food or dormitory facilities, inside USFSP buildings, or at special events.

**B.** In all other parts of the campus where canines may be permitted, such animals must be kept securely tied by a line or leash not to exceed ten (10) feet in length. Canines are not permitted to run at large on any streets, unimproved lots or premises within the boundaries of USFSP and should not be tethered and left unattended.

**C.** The consequences for violation are as follows:

1. Students in violation of this policy may be referred to the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities for disciplinary action in accordance with the University's student disciplinary procedure.
2. Staff violators may be referred to their supervisor. Faculty violators may be referred to their chair or appropriate unit head.
3. Non-University violators may be referred to the University Police. The first violation may result in the issuance of a trespass warning; further violations may result in a charge of trespass.

**Authorized and signed by:**

**Ashok K. Dhingra, Regional Vice Chancellor for Administrative & Financial Services**

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