



**Angelo State University**  
**Operating Policy and Procedure**

**OP 34.25: Animals in Campus Facilities**

**DATE:** August 22, 2019

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this Operating Policy/Procedure (OP) is to define the guidelines governing the presence of non-laboratory animals in university facilities.

**REVIEW:** This OP will be reviewed in March every three years, or as needed, by the director of risk and emergency management with recommended revisions forwarded through the vice president for finance and administration to the president by April 15 of the same year.

**POLICY/PROCEDURE**

1. All animals are prohibited from being kept, harbored, or maintained in any university facility with the exception of laboratory animals, animals used for teaching and research purposes, police K-9s, the recognized mascot of Angelo State (in approved areas), specially trained dogs, or other service animals utilized by persons with documented disabilities, or animals used as part of a therapy or disability awareness program.

Documentation is not required to bring service animals on campus. Although not mandatory, it is recommended that service animals for students with disabilities be registered through the office of student affairs and employees with service animals should register with the office of human resources. Please see OP 34.26, Service/Assistance Animals on Campus, for specific guidance.

2. Enforcement of this OP shall be the responsibility of the university police. Any person who is found to be in violation of this policy shall immediately remove such animal from the facility in question at the request of university police. Failure to comply with this request may result in appropriate disciplinary action.
3. All animal owners must comply with the City of San Angelo ordinance regarding leash restrictions and properly control their animal while on campus. University Police will be responsible for contacting the city Animal Services Division to request stray animals be removed from university property.

In certain circumstances, as noted in OP 34.26, service animals are specially trained to operate without a leash and may be permitted to do so with prior approval from the office of student affairs or human resources. Authorization is dependent upon the owner demonstrating proper control of his/her service animal.