

# Jefferson Transit Authority

## Resolution No. 09-22

*A RESOLUTION of the Board of Directors of the Jefferson County Public Transportation Benefit Area, hereinafter called the "Authority", adopting a Policy on Animals on Transit Vehicles.*

WHEREAS, Jefferson Transit considers passenger and driver safety to be of the highest importance;  
and

WHEREAS, Jefferson Transit has an established procedure concerning animals on transit vehicles;  
and


WHEREAS, the Washington State Department of Transportation has recommended a formalization of the established procedure;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Jefferson Transit Authority Board does hereby adopt the attached Animals on Transit Vehicles Policy, effective immediately.

### CERTIFICATION

The undersigned duly qualified Clerk of the Board, acting on behalf of the Jefferson County Public Transportation Benefit Area, certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Jefferson Transit Authority Board held on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2009.

  
David Sullivan, Chair

  
Catharine Robinson, Vice-Chair

  
Member

Attest:

  
Clerk of the Authority

  
Member

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Member

<i>Title:</i> <b>Policy on Animals on Transit Vehicles</b>	<i>Resolution:</i> <b>09-22</b>
<i>Author:</i> <b>Dave Turissini</b>	<i>Effective Date:</i> <b>09/16/09</b>

**PURPOSE:**

It is the intent of this policy to implement a consistent policy pertaining to allowing animals on transit vehicles.

**SCOPE:**

This policy applies to all Transit Operators.

**PROCEDURES:**

1. All service animals are allowed to ride with their owner. This applies to any animal that is considered a service animal and is not limited to dogs.
2. All other animals are allowed on transit vehicles at no charge as long as they are under the owner's control and do not take up a seat, i.e. they must sit on the floor, the passenger's lap or be in a container on the passenger's lap.
3. Animals may ride on a space available basis. If a transit vehicle is at capacity and there is no room to accommodate an animal, even one which complies with the other terms of this policy, they must wait for the next vehicle.
4. Any animal, including a service animal, which is not under control, may be removed from the bus. Not under control means showing aggressive behavior, defecating, urinating, physically touching other passengers such as pawing, etc. Allergic reactions from other passengers or fear of the animal are not sufficient grounds to remove an animal of any kind.
5. Situations involving animals can be unpredictable. Every effort should be made to accommodate the passenger in the implementation of this policy.