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Jefferson Transit Authority

Animals on Transit Vehicles

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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, transit vehicles, and services.

Procedures:

1. All service animals are welcome and 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. All animals must be on a leash, tether, or harness unless use of such a device would interfere with the task the service animal performs or the person's disability prevents use of such devices. Leashed animals must remain on the floor.
3. Birds, reptiles, amphibians, and rodents must be kept in an enclosed container or carrier.
4. 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.
5. 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 toughing other passengers such as pawing, or other intrusive behavior. Allergic reactions from other passengers or fear of the animal are not sufficient grounds to remove an animal of any kind.
6. Situations involving animals can be unpredictable. Every effort should be made to accommodate the passenger in the implementation of this policy.