

Title: Policy on Animals on Transit Vehicles	Resolution: 13-19
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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.

PROCEDURES:

1. All service animals are welcomed 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 either be on a leash or in a container. 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 touching 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.