

Common Instruction
1/2017/2018 of the Rector and Chancellor of the University of Veterinary Medicine
Budapest on the rules of animal ownership behaviour relating to the animals brought by
the students and employees into the area of the University of Veterinary Medicine
Budapest

The aim of the instruction

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(1) The University of Veterinary Medicine is an animal friendly educational establishment. For this purpose it is allowed for the employees and students to bring their own animals into the area of the establishment, or in specific cases keep pets at their workplace.

(2) In our country animal keeping has criteria regulated by legislation, complying with this legislation is an obligation for every owner. In addition there are ethical expectations. Fulfilment of these is expected from owners as part of responsible animal ownership. This is especially valid in an establishment where animal protection, ethical behaviour to animals and the harmonious human-animal relationship should be an example for everyone, both pet owners and for people who do not have any animals.

The force of the instruction

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The force of the instruction covers the university as the employer, all of its units, and all employees who have civil servant status or an employment relationship with the university, furthermore all the students of the university.

Requirements and expected ethical behaviours about the pet ownership attitudes
connected to the animals brought to or permanently kept in the area of the university by
its students and employees.

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- (1) It is only permitted to bring dogs into the campus which are well-groomed, have received all statutory mandatory vaccinations and have all the documentation to prove it, free and protected from external and internal parasites, healthy, obedient and disciplined.
- (2) It is only permitted to keep animals as pets in the campus which have statutory vaccination, owner licence and all the documentation to prove it, as well as being healthy and do not constitute a danger to humans and other animals.
- (3) Animals brought to the campus are done so with the carefulness of the good owner.
- (4) It is only allowed to bring and permanently keep animals at the place of work with the permission of the leader and close coworkers.
- (5) It is obligatory to guarantee comfort for those coworkers who do not like for any reason or do not tolerate an animal or a given species from a health reason, especially if it is an allergy or

phobia that requires them to avoid any contact with the animal, and avoid being in the same vicinity as the animal.

- (6) It is obligatory to keep the animal and its environment clean and odour free, which is the owners responsibility and duty.
- (7) It is prohibited to bring and keep pets in those auditoriums, laboratories, consulting rooms and practical rooms where living animals, animal carcasses, infectious or dangerous materials or samples are presented or processed, and furthermore where a special sign forbids it.
- (8) It is forbidden to bring dogs into secretariat of the Rector's Office, the gym, the restaurant and the canteen, except when the leader or operator gives permission.
- (9) In workplaces and offices it is required to prevent the escape of the animal by installing locks or keep the animal in a closed space.
- (10) In workplaces where there is client or student contact, it is required to gain permissible access from everyone to enable them to avoid contact with the animals if required.
- (11) It is obligatory to use a dog leash in the whole campus. It is only allowed to use a retractable flexi leash while keeping the dog in the sight of the owner, and preventing the dog from obstructing the way of people or other dogs.
- (12) It is forbidden to bring a dog into the campus which is aggressive with other dogs or with people, even with a muzzle. When unacquainted dog-owner pairs meet, it is only allowed to let the dogs make contact after both owners were asked and agreed to it.
- (13) It is obligatory to clean the stool of the dog in all cases, doing this, and having the appropriate bag and/or shovel for this is the owner's responsibility.
- (14) The dogs must be kept away from dogs visiting the small animal clinic.
- (15) It is not allowed to let dogs go up to desks and consulting tables, and dogs are only allowed to go up to armchairs and sofas if they are protected by a cover.
- (16) If the dog or the animal causes any material damage the owner must take responsibility and must aim to restore the item to original condition as soon as possible. Any material damage also needs to be compensated by the owner.
- (17) For those dogs, which spend more than 6 hours at the University the owner must provide appropriate resting place, scope for action, walking possibilities and activity, furthermore the owner must provide sufficient water and feed supply.
- (18) In the university animals must be kept and treated in a way, which is a good example for everyone.

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