

Animals on Campus Procedure

Purpose and Scope

Provide the procedure and responsibilities for bringing an animal onto University land and/or into University buildings, other than animals for research and teaching purposes, as approved by the Animal Ethics Committee, or natural fauna; or a guide dog or a hearing dog being used to assist the movement of a visually impaired or otherwise disabled person or the animal is being brought upon any part of University land upon which animals may be brought for the purposes of treatment or University purposes.

This procedure applies to all staff, students and the public.

Overarching Policy

[Access to Land and Buildings Policy](#)

Procedure

1. A Temporary Permit is required to bring an animal onto campus except for:
 - 1.1. accredited animals accompanied by the relevant officers on official duties e.g. police horses or security dogs;
 - 1.2. animals that have been appropriately assessed or certified, and accompanied by their handler/owner who needs to carry both permit and proof of assessment (e.g. library dog assessed or certified by a behaviourist veterinarian);
 - 1.3. animals being transported directly to and from the Murdoch Veterinary Hospital or other such premises for treatment and examination;
 - 1.4. any Tenant of Murdoch University with a lease that permits animals on its premises;
 - 1.5. animals owned by residents of the St. Ives Murdoch Retirement Village approved by a Director of Murdoch Retirement Services Pty Ltd or the appointed Village Manager of the St. Ives Retirement Village, in accordance

with the Village's rules and lease agreements from time to time in force;
and

- 1.6. dogs walked through campus by members of the public on major sealed designated pathways and roads such as Discovery Way and Campus Drive. Dog walking is not permitted on lawns, landscaped areas, sports facilities. Off-lead exercise is not permitted anywhere on University Land.
2. Other than as set out in 1, any person wishing to bring animal/s on campus must apply for a Temporary Permit which is only granted by the Manager Campus Operations and Services or delegate for extraordinary circumstances where the animal:
 - 2.1. is key to the activity which must support the University's business objectives or the University's mission; and
 - 2.2. does not pose any significant risk to the University's obligations as an organization or accredited animal research institution.
3. The Animals on Campus Permit form can be accessed at the following website: <https://goto.murdoch.edu.au/PPMDoc?id=590>
4. Animals granted a Temporary Permit must:
 - 4.1. be restrained and under effective control at all times;
 - 4.2. not pose a risk, threat or discomfort to any individual or property; and
 - 4.3. be free from infectious disease.
5. A person bringing an animal with a Temporary Permit onto University premises must:
 - 5.1. not take the animal into any restricted areas (e.g. laboratories, food preparation and dining areas, etc), unless the animal is exempted by Law;
 - 5.2. be able to produce appropriate identification on request including a copy of the relevant permit and/or proof of assessment;
 - 5.3. comply with any conditions in the Temporary Permit;
 - 5.4. remove any faeces or related material associated with the animal, having regard for hygiene, health and safety, and environmental protection;
 - 5.5. comply with any statutes or regulations governing the management of the animal (e.g. local council regulations concerning dog breeds);
 - 5.6. ensure that any adverse event or issue arising while on University premises is reported to Campus Security and/or the Helpdesk immediately; and
 - 5.7. accept liability for all costs and damages related to any adverse impact arising from bringing an animal not formally associated with research or teaching onto University Premises.
 - 5.8. Murdoch University via the Manager Campus Operations and Services or delegate reserves the right to amend and/or revoke any Temporary Permit.

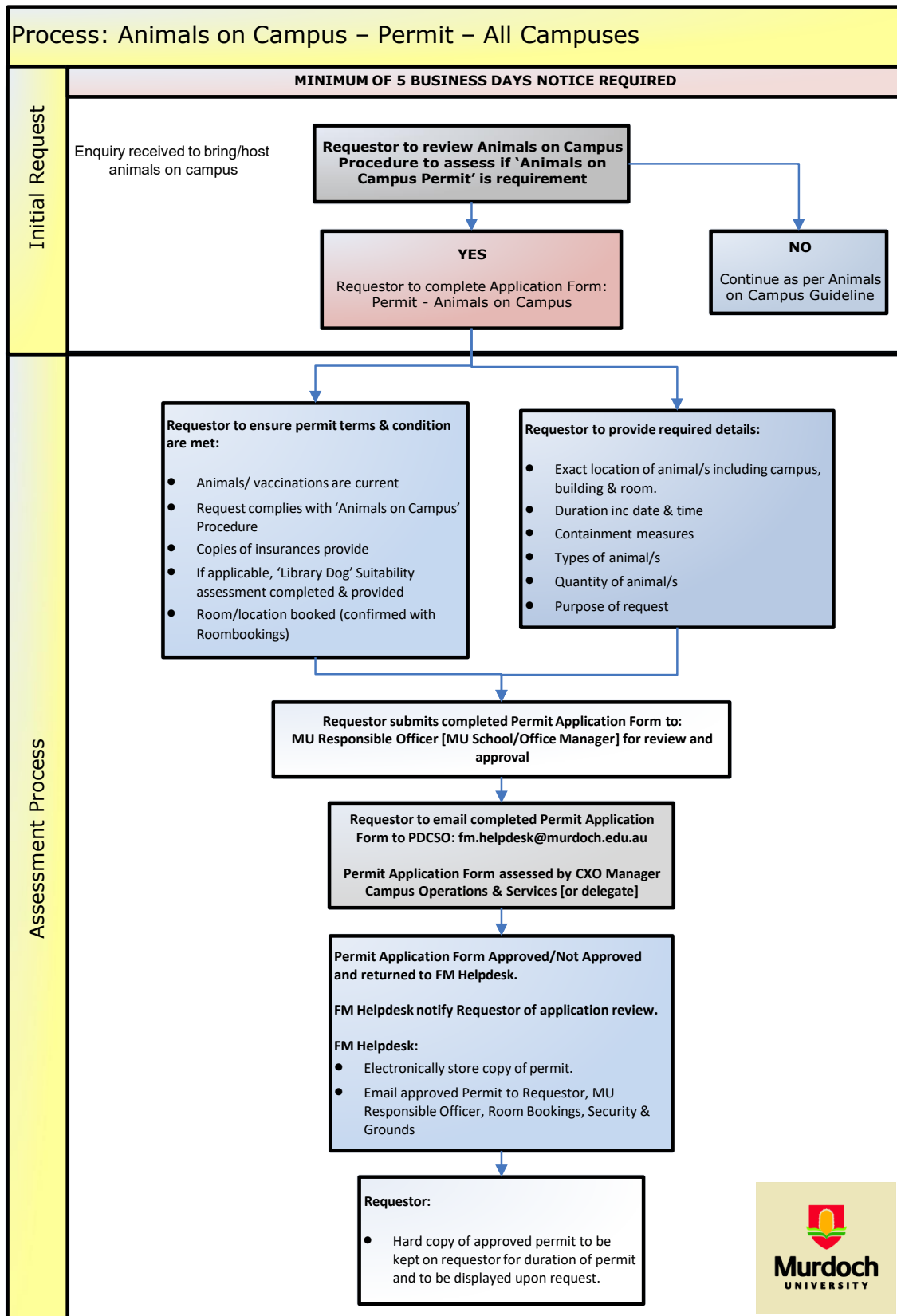
Governance

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| Approval Authority | Senior Leadership Team |
| Owner | Chief Experience Officer |
| Legislation mandating compliance | |
| Category | Primarily a function of Management |
| Related University Legislation and Policy Documents | <u>By Laws</u> <u>Access to Land and Buildings Policy</u> |
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Attachments



Please refer to the electronic copy in the Policy and Procedure Manager to ensure you are referring to the latest version.