

Pet/Animal/Dog Policy

The following policy has been established to provide for the health and safety of the Treasure Valley Community College (TVCC) students, faculty, staff and visitors; for the protection, efficient use and enjoyment of the College's property; and for the responsible management and operation of the College.

This policy is focused on owner responsibility, improves the quality of campus life inside and outside of buildings while minimizing the use of resources on avoidable cleanup and repairs. Beyond the obvious concerns for property maintenance and personal welfare, it is hoped that these regulations will foster and atmosphere where all can enjoy the College's facilities in a comfortable and relaxed setting.

1. Inside Buildings

No pets are allowed inside College buildings, including student housing.

Note: This prohibition does not apply to individuals accompanied by seeing-eye dogs or other trained, service animals.

2. Outside of Buildings

The following rules apply to the College property outside of buildings.

Pets must be under the owner's control at all times.

- a. Pets are not allowed on the athletic fields or in gardens at any time, even if leashed.
- b. While on Treasure Valley Community College property the owner must have a means to clean up after the pet, specifically, the owner or person(s) who possess or controls the pet when on any TVCC walk, drive, street, and recreation area shall possess the means of removal of any fecal matter left by the pet.
- c. The owner is responsible for the immediate cleanup of incidental damage caused by the pet (including digging damage). Cleanup should be thorough enough so as to generate no additional work for the College staff or inconvenience for members of the College community or visitors.

3. Policy Violations

Violations of this policy will be handled by the Treasure Valley Community College Security Department and when necessary utilizing the Ontario Police Department's Ordinance Officer.

4. Incident Reporting

Incidents should be reported to the Treasure Valley Community College's Security Department. The incident will be investigated on an individual basis by Campus Security. **Serious incidents will be investigated in conjunction with the Ontario City Ordinance Officer. The college relies on the city's ordinance regarding pets or animals on campus. Below is a summary of the City of Ontario's Animals Ordinance.**

ANIMALS: All citations regarding animals carry a maximum fine of \$360 per offense.

Animal Cruelty: No person shall beat, misuse, torture, kill, deprive of food or water or otherwise treat an animal in a cruel manner.

Dog running at large: An animal owner cannot permit their dog to run at large off of their private property, if off private property a dog must be adequately leashed or in a motor vehicle. Dogs that are picked up running at large that are not licensed or do not show a license are taken to Ani-Care Shelters. Please see website for an updated list with pictures of dogs that have been picked up if yours is missing. If the Ordinance Officer or a police officer picks up your dog, you will be required to pay a \$35 release fee to the Ontario Police Department before you can retrieve your dog at Ani-Care Shelter.

Dog licensing: All dogs living in city limits must be currently licensed with the City of Ontario. Also, there may not be more than three dogs at any residence without applying for a kennel permit.

Dog as a public nuisance: The most common complaint of nuisance dogs is prolonged barking. A dog that barks for more than five total minutes in a consecutive 15-minute period is considered a nuisance dog. A nuisance dog must occur and be reported twice in a seven (7) day period. These criteria must be met in order for a citation to be issued.

Vicious dog: A vicious dog is any dog that without provocation attacks or bites a human or any other animal, or a dog that shows propensity to attack. If a dog has bitten you, please contact the Ontario City Police Department and file a report. The city has a process to designate a dog vicious if they exhibit certain behavior. If a dog is deemed vicious, owners of the dog will have additional requirements in order to keep the dog in city limits. Failure to comply with these requirements has a maximum fine of \$735.00.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 336.067](#)
[ORS 346.620](#)

[OAR 581-053-0010](#)
[OAR 581-053-0015](#)

[OAR 581-053-0545\(4\)\(c\)\(V\)](#)
[OAR 581-053-0550\(5\)\(u\)](#)

Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 104 Stat. 327, 42 U.S.C. § 12101 et seq. (2006).
28 CFR §§ 35.104, 35.136 (2006).