WATC has the responsibility to provide a safe and healthy learning environment. The uncontrolled and unsupervised presence of domestic animals on campus compromises that environment. This policy is intended to provide guidance regarding the presence of such animals at all WATC locations.

**Policy Statement:**

1. All domestic animals on WATC property must be leashed and under personal control of the owner at all times. Animals are not to be tied to or secured to trees, posts, shrubs and/or left unattended. Each owner is responsible for his/her animal, including clean-up.

2. To protect public health and safety, animals are not permitted in WATC buildings, subject to the following exceptions:
   
   a. Animals qualified as guide dogs, service dogs, assistance dogs or professional therapy dogs pursuant to the requirements of Article 11 of Chapter 39 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated (see below);

   b. Animals used for authorized research projects or experiments;

   c. Animals used as part of an academic program.

   d. Animals on campus as part of a WATC event such as a fund raiser or pet adoption day.

3. All animals on campus must have current vaccinations evidenced by a tag on the animal or a vaccination certificate in the immediate possession of the owner.

4. A control agency will be called to remove and impound unattended or at-large animals.

_Kansas Statute 39-1113. Assistance dogs and professional therapy dogs; definitions._ As used in this act and in K.S.A. 39-1101 through 39-1109, and amendments thereto:

(a) “Assistance dog” means any guide dog, hearing assistance dog or service dog.
(b) "Guide dog" means a dog which has been specially selected, trained and tested for the purpose of guiding a person who is legally blind.

(c) "Hearing assistance dog" means a dog which is specially selected, trained and tested to alert or warn individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing to specific sounds.

(d) "Professional therapy dog" means a dog which is selected, trained and tested to provide specific physical or therapeutic functions, under the direction and control of a qualified handler who works with the dog as a team, and as a part of the handler's occupation or profession. Such dogs, with their handlers, perform such functions in institutional settings, community based group settings, or when providing services to specific persons who have disabilities. "Professional therapy dog" does not include dogs, certified or not, which are used by volunteers for pet visitation therapy.

(e) "Service dog" means a dog which has been specially selected, trained and tested to perform a variety of tasks for persons with disabilities. These tasks include, but are not limited to: Pulling wheelchairs, lending balance support, picking up dropped objects or providing assistance in, or to avoid, a medical crisis, or to otherwise mitigate the effects of a disability.

(f) The presence of a dog for comfort, protection or personal defense does not qualify a dog as being trained to mitigate an individual’s disability and therefore does not qualify the dog as an assistance dog covered under the provisions of this act.

39-1112. Unlawful misrepresentations. It is a class A nonperson misdemeanor for any person to:

(a) Represent that such person has the right to be accompanied by an assistance dog in or upon any place listed in K.S.A. 39-1101, and amendments thereto, or that such person has a right to be accompanied by a professional therapy dog in or upon any place listed in K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 39-1110, and amendments thereto, unless such person has the right to be accompanied in or upon such place by such dog pursuant to this act; or

(b) represent that such person has a disability for the purpose of acquiring an assistance dog unless such person has such disability.