

# Animals Visiting Sabhal Mòr Estate Policy

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## Policy Risks and Impacts

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| Purpose   | To outline Sabhal Mòr Ostaig's position in relation to Animals on Sabhal Mòr Ostaig campus, including being accommodated in student / staff dorms. |
| Consultation (including Data Protection consultation) | Buidheann Gnìomh; and Buidheann Stiùiridh  |

### 1. Policy Statement

This policy sets out Sabhal Mòr Ostaig's position in relation Animals being brought onto the Sabhal Mòr Ostaig campus.

### 2. Definitions

Animals within this policy include cats, dogs and any other animal identified as a pet being walked on the land owned by Sabhal Mòr Ostaig.

### 3. Scope

This policy applies to all students, staff, guests visiting Sabhal Mòr Ostaig and local residents exercising their pets on Sabhal Mòr Ostaig land.

### 4. Exceptions

Emotional Support Animals and Assistance Animals are identified and referenced to in the Sabhal Mòr Ostaig Emotional Support Animal Policy.

### 5. Notification

All Sabhal Mòr Ostaig students and staff. This policy will be published in the Sgrìobhainnean Airson Luchd-Obrach SharePoint area for access by all staff, and an email sent to all staff to inform them of the publication of the policy. Students Services are responsible for sharing this information with students.

### 6. Roles and Responsibilities

The Head of Estates will review this policy regularly and update it.

### 7. Procedures

Whilst the benefits of animals are clear, managing animals during exercise and the welfare of others sharing the same land can be quite complex.

Sabhal Mòr Ostaig recognises the positive impact animals have on wellbeing, however, Sabhal Mòr Ostaig must have processes in place to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all students, staff, visitors and of the animals themselves.

Sabhal Mòr Ostaig cannot accommodate any pets, other than correctly registered Emotional Support Animals and Assistance Dogs within any of its buildings at any time.

Sabhal Mòr Ostaig recognises that at times people may walk their pets on its land. This may be by staff, students, visitors or residents, as examples, but these pets are not permitted in any of its buildings.

## 8. Considerations

- Animal behaviour is the owner's responsibility, and they are required to always maintain control of the animal. Leads are to be used.
- Owners are responsible for picking up any of their animal's waste and disposing of it correctly.
- Owners are responsible for making sure that the animal does not interfere with the routine activities of the Centre.
- The owner is responsible for the actions of the animal including any financial implications this may have (i.e. damage to the buildings or landscapes etc.) This includes bites to people and to other pets.
- The animal should meet all legal requirements for travel and residing in the UK.
- Sabhal Mòr Ostaig takes no responsibility for animals that access its land, be that for exercise or if they have escaped from their owner.