ANIMAL CONTROL ON CAMPUS

The Florida Keys Community College acknowledges the right of students, staff, and visitors to a safe and healthy environment while on college property or participating in college-sponsored functions. In the interest of maintaining such an environment, animals are not permitted on college property or at college-sponsored functions.

In accordance with Monroe County Code, Sec. 3-7, it is unlawful for animal owners to permit, either willfully or negligently, the following:

- any animal to be a nuisance to other persons
- to have dogs on school grounds
- to allow any animal to defecate on public property or school grounds
- to enclose any animal in a vehicle without provision for adequate ventilation for the animal
- to abandon any domestic animal

It is the intent of Florida Keys Community College to adhere to the County Code and report any and all violations to Monroe County Animal Control at (305) 294-4857. The college acknowledges the right of persons with disabilities to utilize service animals as appropriate. Dogs certified to assist persons with disabilities are exempt from the college’s animal prohibition. Service dog owners are responsible for the grooming, sanitation, and control of their animal. When the use of a certified service animal poses a documented danger or health hazard to others, the service animal will not be used and the college’s equity coordinator and/or coordinator of disabled student services will mediate. Provisions will be made, as necessary, to ensure the needs previously met by the use of a certified service animal are accommodated.

In the event that an animal is deemed necessary for instructional purposes, the responsible instructor must have prior written approval from his/her appropriate dean, taking into consideration that some animals can cause or exacerbate allergic reactions, spread bacterial infections, or cause damage and create a hazard if they escape from confinement. Animals which are needed for documented instructional purposes shall be kept in a healthy condition in appropriate cages and tanks, which are kept clean. [SREF Sec. 5.5(1) (g) 6.(h)] June 1999.