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CHAPTER I. SCOPE OF APPLICATION

Article 1.(1) This regulation establishes the general framework, conditions and modalities in which employees, students and visitors may bring pets on the premises of the University of Life Sciences "King Mihai I" from Timișoara (hereinafter referred to as the "University").

(2) The regulation applies to all employees, students, as well as persons who, regardless of quality and purpose, bring pets into the premises of the University of Life Sciences "King Mihai I" from Timișoara.

(3) The Regulation is drafted in accordance with the provisions of the national legislation in force, the norms and recommendations of the European Union, as well as international standards regarding veterinary education, public health and biosecurity.

(4) Users of the regulation are responsible for applying and complying with the provisions of the documents in this regulation.

CHAPTER II. PURPOSE

Article 2. The purpose of this regulation is to establish unitary rules regarding the conditions and modalities in which employees, students and visitors may bring pets to the premises of the University of Life Sciences "King Mihai I" from Timișoara, in order to protect human health, to ensure animal welfare, to maintain biosecurity and to guarantee optimal teaching, research and clinical activities.

CHAPTER III. DEFINITIONS. ABBREVIATIONS

Article 3. The following **definitions and abbreviations** will be used throughout this methodology:

A. Definitions

- **Pet** – any domestic animal kept primarily for companionship and not for professional or economic purposes (e.g. dogs, cats, rodents, birds, reptiles);
- **Animal on duty** – trained animal, especially a dog, that assists people with disabilities, recognized according to Romanian and European legislation;
- **Patient animal** – animal brought to clinics, hospitals or university laboratories for teaching, diagnostic or therapeutic purposes;
- **Campus** – all buildings, educational spaces, laboratories, amphitheatres, clinics, libraries, dormitories and outdoor spaces belonging to the University.

B. Abbreviations

- **ULST** – University of Life Sciences "King Mihai I" from Timișoara

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CHAPTER IV. NORMATIVE REFERENCES

Article 4. Primary legislation

- Higher Education Law No. 199/2023, with subsequent amendments and supplements;
- Law No. 205/2004 on animal protection, as subsequently amended and supplemented;
- Law No. 60/2004 for the ratification of the European Convention for the Protection of Pet Animals (Strasbourg, 1987);
- OUG no. 155/2001 regarding the management of stray dogs, approved by Law no. 227/2002, republished;
- OUG no. 55/2002 regarding the regime for keeping dangerous or aggressive dogs, with subsequent amendments and supplements;
- European Convention for the Protection of Pet Animals (Strasbourg, 1987);
- Regulation (EU) 2016/429 ("Animal Health Law") on transmissible animal diseases;
- Regulation (EU) No 576/2013 on the movement of pet animals;
- Directive 2010/63/EU on the protection of animals used for scientific purposes;
- EAEVE (European Association of Establishments for Veterinary Education) standards on biosecurity and hygiene;
- Government Decision No. 962/2024 on the approval of the Methodology for external evaluation of the quality of education in higher education;
- ARACIS standards for quality assurance in higher education;
- WHO–OIE (WOAH) One Health Joint Plan of Action 2022–2026.

Art. 5. Secondary legislation

- ULST Charter;
- Internal Regulations/Methodologies/Procedures;
- Regulation on the organization and functioning of the University Veterinary Clinics of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine Timișoara – R045;
- Biosafety Manual – Code: ULST – MBS-01;
- Decisions of the University Senate and of the Board of Directors.

CHAPTER V. REGULATION DESCRIPTION

CHAPTER V.1. GENERAL PRINCIPLES

Article 6. The campus of the University of Life Sciences "King Mihai I" from Timișoara is intended exclusively for academic, teaching and research activities and does not constitute a free public space for the circulation of pets.

Article 7. Access of animals to the University premises is allowed only under the conditions of and in strict compliance with the provisions of this regulation,

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being subject to restrictions established to protect public health, biosecurity and the conduct of academic, teaching and research activities.

Article 8. Access to pets in the interior spaces of the University is prohibited, except in the situations expressly provided for in **chapter V.3.** and **Chapter V.4.**

Article 9. The University recognizes and guarantees the right of access to the premises of service animals accompanying people with disabilities, in accordance with applicable legislation and in compliance with safety and biosecurity regulations.

CHAPTER V.2. ACCESS ON THE CAMPUS

Article 10. Employees, students and visitors have the right to bring pets onto the campus only in areas expressly designated by the University management, subject to cumulative compliance with the following conditions:

- a) the animal must be permanently supervised by the owner or by the person accompanying it, so that it does not endanger other people or animals;
- b) the animal must be kept on a leash or, where appropriate, transported in a cage or in an appropriate carrier, to prevent free access to unsafe or unauthorized areas;
- c) the use of muzzles for dogs classified as dangerous or aggressive, according to the legislation in force;
- d) The owner is obliged to immediately collect and hygienically dispose of all waste produced by the animal, ensuring that cleanliness and hygiene are maintained in the access area.

Article 11. Employees, students, and visitors with pets are strictly prohibited from accessing the following spaces and areas of the campus:

- a) sports fields, playgrounds and any space intended for public or student recreation;
- b) greenhouses, experimental farms, laboratories and any other area with a restricted level of biosecurity, where the presence of animals may compromise research activities or the health of other animals;
- c) student dormitory courtyards, food service areas and any other places intended for food preparation or consumption, to prevent contamination and ensure public hygiene.

Article 12. Violation of the provisions of art. 10 and art. 11 respectively entail the following administrative and disciplinary measures:

- a) immediate evacuation of the pet from the campus;
- b) the application of sanctions to the owner, in accordance with the provisions of art. 21, art. 22 and art. 23 of this regulation.

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CHAPTER V.3. ACCESS TO INTERIOR SPACES

Article 13. (1) Access is strictly prohibited to employees, students and visitors with pets in the following indoor spaces of the University:

- amphitheatres, laboratories and lecture halls;
- libraries and reading rooms;
- administrative offices and meeting rooms;
- student dormitories, canteens and kitchens;
- any other interior spaces that serve the development of academic, teaching and research activities.

(2) By way of exception to the provisions of paragraph (1) and under the conditions established by this regulation, access is permitted employees, students and visitors with animals in indoor spaces, in the following cases:

- their accompaniment by service animals;
- animal patients brought for consultations or hospitalization.

Article 14. Violation of the provisions of art. 13 shall entail the following administrative and disciplinary measures:

- a) immediate evacuation of the pet from the space;
- c) the application of sanctions to the owner, in accordance with the provisions of art. 21, art. 22, and respectively art. 23 of this regulation.

CHAPTER V.4. SERVICE ANIMALS AND SPECIAL CASES

Article 15. (1) Persons with disabilities have the right to be accompanied by service animals in all University premises, without restrictions, in accordance with the legislation in force and in compliance with safety and biosecurity rules.

(2) Emotional support animals are not considered service animals except to the extent that the legislation expressly recognizes them as such.

Article 16. Service animals must wear visible identification, such as harnesses or special vests, that allows them to be clearly identified by university staff and other campus users.

Article 17. The owner of the animal, including service animals, bears full responsibility for its behavior and actions on University premises, including any material damage, injuries to other people or disruption of academic activities.

CHAPTER V.4. ACCESS OF PERSONS BRINGING ANIMALS FOR EDUCATIONAL, CLINICAL OR RESEARCH PURPOSES

Article 18.(1) The access of employees, students and visitors with pets on the ULST premises is allowed exclusively in the following situations:

- for the admission of animals to the University Veterinary Clinical Hospital;

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- for carrying out teaching activities approved by the course coordinator or related discipline;
- for the development of authorized research projects, according to the internal regulations in force.

(2) The access of employees, students and visitors with pets on the University premises are allowed only in strict compliance with the established disinfection and biosecurity protocols, which are mandatory, and only through the entrances designated by the university management. Unauthorized crossing of common areas is strictly prohibited.

Article 19. Mandatory documents for access. Animal owners requesting access for the purposes provided for in art. 18 are required to present, cumulatively, the following valid documents:

- a) the animal's vaccination record, certifying the anti-rabies vaccination valid on the date of access;
- b) proof of internal and external deworming;
- c) the veterinary certificate issued no more than 30 days prior to the date of access to the University premises, in the cases provided for by the legislation in force;
- d) proof of identification of the animal by microchip.

CHAPTER V.5. BIOSECURITY AND LIABILITY

Article 20.(1) ULST prioritizes compliance with biosecurity regulations in all activities carried out within it.

(2) It is prohibited to bring into the University premises animals suspected of having communicable diseases or any other conditions that may endanger the health of other animals, staff or students.

(3) Animal owners bear full civil liability for any damages, material damage or incidents caused by them on the university premises.

(4) ULST cannot be held liable for incidents or damages resulting from failure to comply with this regulation or internal biosecurity rules.

(5) The owner of the animal is responsible also for material damage, sanitation and disinfection costs, as well as for injuries caused to other people or animals.

CHAPTER V.6. DISCIPLINARY MEASURES

Article 21. (1) Failure **by the student** to comply with the obligations and duties contained in this regulation shall entail the application of the following sanctions:

- a) verbal warning for the first minor offense;
- b) written warning;
- c) suspension of access to certain university facilities (library, cafeteria, sports fields, etc.) for a specified period;
- d) expulsion with or without the right to re-enroll.

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(2) The sanctions provided for in paragraph (1) shall be applied depending on the seriousness of the violations, their repetition, and the conditions in which they were committed.

(3) The sanction provided in paragraph (1) letter a) is applied by the person making the finding (teaching staff, auxiliary teaching and research staff or administrative staff), the sanction provided in letter b) is decided by the Faculty Council and is applied by the dean, and the sanctions in letters c) and d) are decided by the Administrative Council upon the proposal of the Faculty Councils and are applied by the rector.

(4) Sanctions may be appealed by the student within 5 days since communication at the Faculty Council or the Board of Directors, depending on the structure that established them.

Article 22. Failure by employees to comply with the obligations and prohibitions provided for in this regulation shall result in the application of appropriate sanctions, in accordance with institutional regulations and the provisions of the legislation in force.

Article 23.(1) Failure by visitors to comply with the obligations and duties contained in this regulation shall entail, depending on the seriousness of the facts, the application of the following administrative measures:

- a) verbal or written warning;
- b) immediate evacuation from campus;
- c) access ban for a fixed or permanent period;
- d) material liability for the damages caused.

(2) The sanctions provided for in paragraph (1) shall be applied depending on the seriousness of the violations, their repetition, and the conditions in which they were committed.

(3) The sanction provided for in paragraph (1) letter a) is applied by the person making the finding (teaching staff, auxiliary teaching and research staff or administrative staff), the sanction provided for in paragraph (1) letter b) is applied by administrative staff with security duties or the head of the security service following a direct notification or finding, and the sanctions in letters c) and d) are decided by the Board of Directors upon the proposal of the head of the Security Service within the university and are applied by the rector.

(4) Sanctions may be appealed within 5 calendar days since communication to the Board of Directors.

CHAPTER V.7. INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Article 24. The University is obliged to display these regulations in visible places, via a QR code, accessible to employees, students and visitors.

Article 25. University veterinary clinics will mandatorily ensure separate spaces for patients, according to biosecurity norms.

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Article 26. Tutors and teachers have the responsibility to inform students, at the beginning of each academic year, about the content and application of the regulation.

Article 27. The security service, teaching staff, auxiliary teaching and research staff and administrative staff have the responsibility to monitor compliance with the provisions of the regulation and to report any violations to the university management.