

ANTRIM COUNTY
ANIMAL PROHIBITION ON COUNTY PREMISES
POLICY
Adopted September 5, 2019

POLICY:

Antrim County has the responsibility to provide the public with access to County facilities and services in an efficient, safe and effective manner. To provide efficient, safe and effective services to the public, it is necessary for County employees to have a workplace free from unnecessary distractions and for members of the public using County Services to be safe and unhindered.

Therefore, it is the policy of Antrim County that, except as provided below, animals are prohibited in all County owned property. This applies to all County buildings, premises, and vehicles, with the noted exceptions below. The factors supporting this prohibition include, but are not limited to:

- Animals can spur allergic reactions among employees and members of the public;
- County services are disrupted because of the distractions created by the presence of an animal;
- Non-hygienic;
- Fears that some employees and members of the public may have of animals ; and
- Liability for the County should an employee or citizen be bitten or injured by a pet brought to the County facilities or property.

EXCEPTIONS:

1. The County acknowledges that pursuant to Federal and/or State laws and the County Service Animal Policy, Service Animals, as defined by the Americans With Disabilities Act, are permitted at all County Property.
2. Pets, including horses, are permitted in Barnes Park as provided by the Barnes Park Ordinance.
3. Pets are permitted in all other County Parks, Campgrounds and Recreational areas subject to the following rules:
 - a. All pets must be on a leash no longer than six feet in length.
 - b. Pets may not be left unattended.
 - c. Pets may not run loose unless being used in hunting in an area where hunting is permitted.
 - d. Pet owners must immediately clean up, remove, and dispose of all pet excrement.
 - e. Owners must control pets and not allow pets to create a disturbance.
4. Horses are permitted in County Parks, Campgrounds and Recreational Areas on trails designated for horseback riding.
5. Pets are permitted on County Airport property if the pet is being transported in an airplane arriving or departing the airport. Owners are responsible for keeping their pets under control at all times and must immediately clean up and dispose of all excrement. Pets are permitted inside the airport building if leashed and controlled by the owner at all times.