

**PASCO COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM  
POLICY MANUAL**

**SECTION:** PUBLIC SERVICE  
**POLICY TITLE:** ANIMALS IN LIBRARY BUILDINGS  
**EFFECTIVE DATE:** MARCH 2004  
**REVISED:** JULY 2008

**Acceptance Statement:**

The Pasco County Library System considers use of the libraries facilities to constitute acceptance of this policy.

**Statement of Policy:**

Patrons are not permitted to bring animals into any library building with the exception of the following:

*Service Animals:* In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, any person with a disability is allowed to bring their service animal into the library. Staff may ask the person who has the animal if it is a service animal required because of a disability. Any animal identified as a service animal must be admitted.

The care and supervision of the service animal is solely the responsibility of the owner. If the service animal is aggressive with staff or other patrons or if it otherwise acts out of control, the person may be asked to take the animal from the building. The person with the disability will be given the option of using the library without having the service animal on the premises.

*Library-sponsored Programs:* The library may choose to offer educational programs for the public that include various animals. Such animals are permitted in the library building for the duration of the program and must be accompanied by the owner at all times.

**Violation of Policy:**

Patrons who violate this policy will be made aware of the violation. Patrons will be asked to remove the animal from the building immediately. Failure to remove the animal from the building as instructed may result in prohibition from returning to the library for a specific amount of time as determined by the Branch Manager or their designee. Failure

to leave the building when asked to do so will be considered trespassing, and may result in law enforcement being contacted.