



**United Methodist Church of Evergreen**  
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### **POLICY REGARDING ANIMALS ON CHURCH PREMISES**

To ensure the well-being of church members and visitors, as well as that of the animals, the United Methodist Church of Evergreen sets forth the following policy regarding animals on church property:

1. Pets are permitted on church grounds. However, no animals may be left unattended and all animals must remain under the control of the owner.
2. The only animals permitted in church buildings are certified service dogs. UMCE welcomes all worshipers including those with service dogs. It is preferred that such dogs be easily identified by the use of a vest or other identifying insignia, but this is not required. All service dogs must be on a leash or tether unless this interferes with the person with the disability. In such a case the dog must be under voice control. If you use or require a service dog, please let the church know so we can be aware of the type of assistance your service dog provides. We wish to be helpful to both you and your dog.
3. Staff members may make an occasional exception to this policy such as animals visiting religious education classes for instructional purposes and Pet Blessing events.

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