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UNIVERSITET

Vice-Chancellor

DECISION

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## **Ban on private pets on university premises**

### ***Background***

Pursuant to a decision taken on 18 January 1984, amended 6 May 1998, private pets are prohibited on university premises. The ban is due to the risk of allergic reactions among staff and students, or of someone being bitten or otherwise disturbed by the animal.

In previous decisions, exceptions to the ban could be granted by the vice-chancellor with regard to guide dogs for visually impaired persons. In addition to guide dogs for the visually impaired, today there are also assistance dogs, including service dogs, alert dogs, signal dogs and psychiatric service dogs, as defined in the Swedish Agency for Participation's report "Assistanshundar för bättre hälsa och delaktighet" (Assistance dogs for improved health and participation). Similar to the guide dog, the task of the assistance dog is to increase their handler's safety and independence in daily life.

### ***Decision***

The University has decided to ban private pets on university premises.

When it comes to guide dogs and assistance dogs, the vice-chancellor may grant exceptions to requests received from Student Affairs regarding students in need of a guide or assistance dog, or from work environment managers at departments/units (head of department or equivalent) regarding staff.

Requests for exceptions to the ban must state:

- the type of dog concerned
- the premises on which the guide/assistance dog will be
- a risk assessment describing the possible risks at the workplace
- any measures to be taken and adjustments to be made in the work environment with regard to staff and students with allergies, for example, in order to ensure a work and study environment that is accessible to all.

The present decision replaces the previous “Ban on private pets” from 18 January 1984 and decision Reg. no I F 79 5696/98 from 6 May 1998.

The decision on this matter was taken by the undersigned deputy vice-chancellor in the presence of university director Susanne Kristensson after a consultation with a representative of the Lund University Students’ Unions and a presentation by work environment engineer Robert Howe. The head of Study Support and Advising Services Thomas Achen also participated in the processing of the matter.

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