

SUSQUEHANNA AREA REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY  
Animal Control Ordinance

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§101. **Purpose.** It is the declared purpose of this regulation to make provisions which are deemed to be a reasonable exercise of the police power of the Authority granted pursuant to the Municipality Authorities Act of 1945, Act of May 2, 1945, P.L. 382, 53 P.S. §301 et seq. and the Aviation Code, Act of October 10, 1984, P.L. 837, No. 164, 74 Pa. Cons. Stat. Ann. §5101 et seq. (together the "Act") to provide for the health and safety of the public as it pertains to the restraint and care of animals on Airport Property. All charges regarding conduct prescribed by this regulation shall be brought under this regulation, except to the extent such charges are required to be brought under the Act.

§102. **Short Title.** This regulation shall be known and may be cited as the "Animal Control Ordinance".

§103. **Definitions.** The following words and phrases when used in this regulation shall have, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, the meanings given to them in this section. Words or phrases used in this regulation and not defined herein shall have the meaning defined in the Act or, if not defined there, then the meaning commonly attributed to them when used in the appropriate context.

**Airport:** the entire real property owned, leased or under the control of the Susquehanna Area Regional Airport Authority.

**Authority:** the Susquehanna Area Regional Airport Authority.

**Assistance Animal:** a dog that works, provides assistance, or performs tasks for the benefit of a person with a disability. Assistance animals perform many disability-related functions, including guiding individuals who are blind or have low vision, alerting individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing to sounds, providing protection or rescue assistance, pulling a wheelchair or fetching items. An assistance animal is not required to be individually trained or certified.

**Government Animal:** a dog owned by or used by a governmental agency for the purposes of law enforcement or public safety.

**Service Animal:** either the definition used by The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) or by the United States Department of Transportation which are currently as follows:

**ADA:** A service animal means any dog that is individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability,

including a physical, sensory, psychiatric, intellectual, or other mental disability.

**DOT**: Under the Air Carrier Access Act (ACAA), a service animal means a dog, regardless of breed or type, that is individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of a qualified individual with a disability, including a physical, sensory, psychiatric, intellectual, or other mental disability.

**Therapy Dog**: A dog that lends comfort and affection to people in a facility setting or to certain individuals who require visitation to deal with a physical or emotional problem. Therapy Dogs are not Service Animals that provide a specific service for a person with special needs and receive full public access pursuant to the ADA. They are also not emotional support animals who require a prescription from a mental health or health care professional but need no special training or certifications to do their job. Only Therapy Dogs approved by the Authority, or the Executive Director, are permitted to provide service to the Airport.

§104. **Prohibited Acts**

- A. No animals of any kind shall be permitted in the Airport except for:
1. Governmental Animals;
  2. Service Animals;
  3. Therapy Dogs;
  4. Assistance Animals; and/or
  5. any other animal being presented directly to an air carrier for transportation or shipment.
- B. No person shall allow any animal to be off their leash or lead or otherwise permit a animal to be unrestrained or not under control at all times. Any leash or lead that is used cannot exceed six (6) feet in length. Animals not restrained by a leash or lead must be transported in an approved carrier designed for airline use.
- C. All animals shall use the designated pet relief areas at the Airport
- D. All owners or handlers shall be responsible for the animal's behavior at the Airport. Animal owners or handlers shall control the following behaviors by the animal while at the Airport:
1. excessive barking or other noise;
  2. aggressive behavior; and/or
  3. cleaning up any pet waste.
- E. If an owner or handler cannot control the animal's behavior, they shall bring the animal under control immediately or cause it to be removed from Airport Property without unnecessary delay.

F. A person holding an animal on a leash or lead shall keep the animal under control at all times.

G. The use of retractable leads or leashes is prohibited.

H. Dogs traveling with passengers shall stay within a kennel at all times except:

- When going through TSA Checkpoint (must remain in kennel while in line)
- When traveling from TSA Checkpoint to a specified gate
- When traveling to and from outdoor pet relief area

§105. **Penalties.** Any person found guilty of violating the Prohibited Acts section of this regulation commits a Summary Offense and, upon conviction, shall pay a fine of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00)