

# CATS AT AUB

## Preamble

Cats are a familiar and tolerated presence on the AUB campus. Nonetheless, these cats are feral (semi-wild), and are not pets. There have been complaints from both, faculty members and students, regarding individuals who allow cats in their offices. AUB cats are outdoor creatures and should remain so. Furthermore, AUB's offices and classrooms are for educational use, they are not private homes. Some students, faculty, and staff are allergic to cats. Cats also carry other health risks and can create unhygienic conditions and unpleasant odors in buildings intended for teaching and research.

## Policy

1. Cats are not allowed in public buildings at AUB. Occupants are responsible for ensuring that cats remain outside of buildings and for notifying Physical Plant of any cats that are found in university buildings. Physical Plant staff have been instructed to coordinate with the AUB Animal Welfare Club to remove any cats they find in buildings and to release them some distance away.
2. Cats are not permitted anywhere within the AUBMC or in the immediate vicinity of the medical buildings. Cats found there shall immediately be removed to the main campus area.
3. In collaboration with the AUB Animal Welfare Club, the University has established a practice of feeding, spaying, and neutering the campus' cats in order to sustain a healthy population of felines on campus. To this end, feeding stations have been established in remote locations as far as possible from academic buildings and residences.
4. The feeding of feral cats, other than by members of the AUB Animal Welfare Club, is strongly discouraged, and bringing raw meats or canned food on campus for the purpose of feeding the feral cats is prohibited.
5. It is prohibited for any person to introduce or abandon any pet or feral cat on campus other than such cats as may be relocated from AUBMC's premises or as family pets. Cats kept as family pets should be provided with a collar indicating the owner's name and should be vaccinated annually as recommended by a veterinarian.
6. In the interests of promoting the ethical treatment of animals at AUB, cats are to be treated with respect. Specifically, it is forbidden to deliberately cause harm to cats or any other living animal on AUB property. Any removal of cats must be overseen by the Animal Welfare Club.

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