

ISTANBUL TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY
DIRECTIVE ON CAMPUS ANIMALS

Purpose

Article 1. The purpose of this Directive is to ensure that the animals living on the Istanbul Technical University (ITU) Campuses live comfortably and are treated well and appropriately, and to prevent the dogs and other animals living on our campus from harming the residents/workers of the campus.

Scope

Article 2. This Directive covers the precautions to be taken for animals living in ITU campuses, the support to be provided and the provisions regarding the rules to be followed.

Definitions

Article 3. In this directive; the below-mentioned expressions refer to the ensuing definitions:

Legislation: Animal Protection Law No. 5199, adopted on 24.06.2004 and published in the Official Gazette with the number 25509 and dated 01.07.2004,

Administration: ITU Rectorate,

Veterinary Affairs Directorate: District Veterinary Affairs Directorate,

ITU Veterinary Unit: The unit where our university provides service with the Veterinarian and Animal Control Team,

Dog Life Center: ITU Ayazaga Campus Etiler road area reserved for animals living on the campus, circumscribed and specially arranged area,

Catalog: Identification of the animals on campus by naming them,

Name Collar: A leather collar with each dog's name on it and hanging around its neck,

Microchip: Chips with a unique number, which are placed subcutaneously in cats and dogs,

Vaccination Card: The document created by the veterinarian, in which the vaccinations given to the animal are processed,

Unregistered Dog: Dogs that came to the campus later and uncontrollably and are not included in the catalogue,

Controlled Animal: Animal defined by the veterinary unit, included in the catalog prepared and/or leashed,

Uncontrolled Animal: Animal that has not been recorded by the veterinary unit,

Debilitated Animal: An animal that has health problems and disabilities due to various reasons such as aging, disability, injury and illness, excluding infectious and epidemic animal diseases,

Wild Animal: Vertebrate and invertebrate animals, except for non-domesticated and non-cultured cats and dogs living free on campus

Food Container: The food container in which cat and dog foods are placed with a roof over,

Water Container: A water container with a water connection pipe, which is filled as the water runs out with a float system,

Disinfection: The destruction of disease-causing microorganisms on inanimate substances,

Infectious Disease: Any disease that can be transmitted from animal to human or from animal to animal,

Socialization: Socialization studies done in daily life,

Housing: A permanent family finding system for animals on campus,

Population: The term denoting the population to be used for a particular animal community,

Rehabilitation: Training given by professionals,

Cannibalism: Disruption of in-group hierarchy and internal balance,

Volunteer Individuals: Individuals who take care of animals on a voluntary basis,

Animal Care Volunteers: ITU Members who will voluntarily participate in the feeding processes,

Attack Case: Cases involving the movements of dogs that are chasing or attempting to bite, where there is no case of biting,

Bite Case: The case that has been proven by the report and report card of the bitten individual from the state hospital,

Catalog

Article 4. Cataloging is done, which includes each dog's name collar, microchip number, average age, vaccination record, disease history, photograph and, if any, complaint petition. This catalog is collected on a website that can be accessed through the University's portal.

Animal Nutrition, Care and Cleaning Principles

Article 5. The nutrition and care principles of animals are as follows:

A-Nutrition Principles

(1) Water needs for campus animals are met by automatic water containers. It is essential to distribute food and automatic water containers within the Dog Life Center and campus within the possibilities.

(2) Food is delivered to the food containers determined and placed in ITU Ayazaga Campus and to the food containers located in the Dog Life Center by the staff assigned by the ITU Rectorate and Animal Care Volunteers.

(3) In order to prevent dogs from harming each other in the Dog Life Center; the number of food containers is placed as far away and as many as possible.

B-Care and Cleaning Principles

(1) It is essential that the cleaning of the Dog Life Center is carried out by the cleaning staff and animal care volunteers.

(2) For all buildings on our campuses, at least two animal care volunteers are determined and it is ensured that care and assistance from nutrition to health check-ups is provided by these

people on a voluntary basis. Besides, foster families can be determined for small groups of up to five dogs to help with the care and feeding of the dogs on campus, upon request.

- (3) Volunteers who take care of one or more dogs are required to make regular checks of the dogs and report any negative situations encountered during these checks to the ITU Veterinary Unit by means of a help ticket.
- (4) Placement of cat houses in the areas to be determined for cats living on ITU Campuses, regular neutering for population control, internal and external parasite applications and regular control of necessary vaccinations are monitored by the ITU Veterinary Unit and executed by the Veterinary Affairs Directorate.
- (5) It is essential for anyone who notices an emergency situation regarding campus animals to call the Veterinary Affairs Directorate and to call the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry Istanbul Provincial Directorate for wild animals.
- (6) Kennels are placed in the areas of weakened (disabled, old, etc.) dogs to live without changing their habitats and necessary medical support is provided.

Applications on Biting and Attack Cases

Article 6.

- (1) In bite cases, the bitten person applies to the Veterinary Affairs Directorate with his/her petition and vaccination certificate. The biting dog is taken by the teams of the Veterinary Affairs Directorate. It is essential that the dog is taken to the designated area in the Dog Life Center if it returns to our Campus after being picked up by the Veterinary Affairs Directorate.
- (2) In cases of attack, the attacking dog must be taken to the Dog Life Center for a period of 1 month, and those with more than two attacks must be taken for 6 months. The relevant complaint petition is recorded in the file belonging to each dog taken.
- (3) To be socialized in daily life, dogs kept in the area are taken back to their real habitats every 6 months and followed up by the ITU Veterinary Unit with a monitoring period of 15 days. Dogs are allowed to continue their lives in their own habitat if they adapt to the environment. At this stage, those with herd psychology are positioned in separate zones.

Admittance and Placement Principles in Dog Centers

Article 7. Contains the rules regarding the process of bringing dogs that cause attacks in their region or dogs that need temporary care/supervision due to their special situation (new birth, illness, vehicle crash, etc.) to the Dog Life Center by being taken from the regions they are in with the help of the Veterinary Affairs Directorate teams. These rules are as follows:

- (1) When placing dogs in the area, it is essential to distinguish between strong/weak dogs, gather dogs accustomed to living in the same area together, and consider their age and condition.
- (2) For dogs newly admitted to the Dog Life Center, blood will be drawn at the end of the 48-hour observation period in the intermediate zone, and their health status will be determined, and after a 1-week monitoring period according to the results, they are taken to the 1st zone and the socialization phase is started.
- (3) Dogs that do not get along in the section will be placed in separate sections. Zone 2 is used as an alternative for dogs that do not get along.
- (4) Changes in each region are kept up-to-date, including the date and microchip numbers.

Mandatory Rules

Article 8. The mandatory rules regarding animals in ITU Campuses are as follows:

- a) Animals cannot be mistreated intentionally.
- b) Animals cannot be fed in buildings and middle gardens.
- c) No stray animals from outside can be brought into the campus.
- d) It is not allowed to bring owned animals and leave them inside the campus.
- e) The admittance of animals cannot be done to the Dog Life Center without permission.
- f) Admission and feeding cannot be done in the Dog Life Center without the knowledge of the ITU Veterinary Unit.
- g) It is essential to ensure that dogs walking without earrings, microchips or leashes are taken out of the campus by the municipality teams, by informing the ITU Veterinary Unit first.
- h) In order to prevent uncontrolled breeding, it is essential that cats and dogs that are fed and housed in ITU campuses are neutered by the Veterinary Affairs Directorate.
- i) Cubs born on campus and their mothers are allowed to stay on campus after birth until the cubs reach the month they can live without a mother. The cubs are taken by the Veterinary Affairs Directorate to be neutered and vaccinated when they reach the month they can live without a mother.
- j) It is obligatory for dogs found on campus, owned and cared for by volunteers to be leashed, vaccinated against rabies and to have a report card.

Article 9. Applicable to all stakeholders working, living and studying on campus, in case of non-compliance with the rules stated above, all legal actions, including disciplinary provisions, are carried out in accordance with the provisions of the legislation to which the individuals are subject.

Rehabilitation

Article 10. For the rehabilitation of animals, professional help can be received by the experts in the field on issues such as profiling, socialization. Rehabilitation service takes place if there is sponsorship from various institutions and individuals.

Safety

Article 11. The Dog Life Center is actively monitored by the ITU Security Unit and the ITU Veterinary Unit with a 24-hour camera system for reasons such as cannibalism among the dogs, external interventions, monitoring the nutrition of the dogs for their health and cleaning works, and timely intervention in case of emergency.

Cases for which there is no provision

Article 12. In cases where there is no provision in this Directive, other relevant legislation provisions and senate decisions is applied.

Enforcement

Article 13. This Directive enters into force as of .../06/2019, when approved by the Senate.