Purpose:
The purpose of this policy is to promote the safety and health of faculty, staff, students, and visitors in relation to pets on the Manono Campus.

Background:
Prior to 2006, UH-Hilo was responsible for the care and maintenance of the Manono Campus facilities and grounds. Under UH-Hilo, the policy and practice were to not allow pets on campus. After the Hawai‘i Community College Planning, Operations and Maintenance Department was established in 2006 and assumed responsibility from UH-Hilo for the care and maintenance of the facilities and grounds of the Manono Campus, the practice of not allowing pets on campus was continued.

While many understood the practice of not allowing pets on campus, it was recently discovered that there was no formal written policy associated with the practice. Therefore, this puts into writing and establishes a formal policy of a widely understood practice.

Definitions:

Pet: An animal that has been trained or adapted to living in a human environment. Such pets include, but are not limited to dogs, cats, birds, rabbits, and other types of household pets.

Service Dog: Service animals are defined as dogs that are individually trained to do work or perform tasks for people with disabilities. Service animals are working animals, not pets. The work or task a dog has been trained to provide must be directly related to the person’s disability. Dogs whose sole function is to provide comfort or emotional support do not qualify as service animals under the ADA.

Policy:
No pets, except service dogs, are allowed on the Manono Campus.