



TOWN OF MONTGOMERY POLICY ON ANIMALS IN MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS



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SECTION I AUTHORITY

Under the authority granted in 24 V.S.A., Chapter 33, Section 872, the Town of Montgomery Selectboard hereby adopts the following policy regarding bringing animals into Municipal Buildings.

SECTION II PURPOSE / INTENT

This Policy is adopted to maintain an environment in municipal buildings and offices conducive to the needs of the users and workers. Animal fears or phobias, allergies (which can result even after the animal is no longer present), and the difficulty keeping animals under control, can create situations counter to the safety or comfort of employees and the public. All employees and users of municipal buildings should be able to use these buildings without those concerns.

SECTION III DEFINITIONS/APPLICABILITY

1. This Policy applies to anyone who works in, or uses, any municipal building in Montgomery.

2. This Policy includes:

- The Town Office Building (which includes the Montgomery Center Post Office)
- The Town Hall (Grange)
- The Public Safety Building and Library
- The Recreation Center Building
- The Town Garage
- The Future Water Treatment Facility

3. This Policy does not apply to animals certified, and used, for assistance to the disabled such as seeing eye dogs.

SECTION IV SPECIFIC PROVISIONS

1. Animals are prohibited in municipal buildings in Montgomery.
2. The Selectboard may grant exceptions for specific events. On occasions where the Board may grant an exception, such as performance in the annual variety show, or rabies clinics, the animals must be under the control (leashed or crated) of the owner. Dogs must be on a leash at all times as governed by the Town Dog Ordinance. Animals must be licensed, and have evidence of State required vaccinations as applicable.

SECTION V AMENDMENTS

This policy may be amended by a majority vote of the legislative body at any duly warned meeting, providing the subject appears on the agenda for that meeting.

SECTION VI NOTICE

1. This Policy shall be entered into the minutes of the Town records and shall be posted in at least three conspicuous places in Town.
2. A reference to a place within the municipality where the full text may be examined, shall be posted also.

signed
Board of Selectmen
Town of Montgomery

Kenneth Cota, Chairman

Mark Brouillette

Gary Marrier

Tosca Smith

Scott Perry

Montgomery Town Clerk's Office received for record this _____

day of _____, A.D., 2005 at _____ P.M.

Attest: _____

Renee Patterson,

Town Clerk