Policy on Access of Pets and “Service Animals in Training” Dogs into Animal and Dairy Science Department (ADS) Facilities

All personal pets are banned from facilities managed by ADS, including the Rhodes Center, all farms and the Instructional Livestock Arena. The Department supports the efforts of students that are involved in-training service dogs and will provide access to these dogs in many of the areas of the campus that are managed by ADS. In general, lecture and computer classrooms, hallways, student areas, bathrooms, and offices in the Rhodes Center will be accessible to “service in-training” dogs. However, there are some areas and/or facilities in ADS to which “service animals in-training” dogs will be denied access due to safety issues or due to the unique research nature of the area/facility. Also, ADS reserves the right to bar any in-training dog from ADS facilities that, in our opinion, poses a threat or is disruptive. Areas in ADS where access to “service animals in training” dogs will be restricted or denied is provided below:

► **Livestock Farms**: The Department has horse, beef cattle, dairy cattle and swine farms that contain animals involved in teaching and research. The animals at many of the farms are very large and can become spooked in the presence of a dog, which poses a very real safety issue for both people and animals; therefore, in-training dogs will not be permitted at any of the ADS farms.

► **Large Animal Research Unit (LARU)**: The LARU located in the Rhodes Center contains areas that are conducting intensive animal research involving some large grants. In-training dogs will not be permitted in any part of the LARU, including the hallways.

► **General Research and Teaching Labs in the Rhodes Center**: The Rhodes Center contains teaching and research labs that contain chemicals, gas and other toxic agents, which pose a danger to both dogs and people; therefore, in-training dogs are not permitted in any of the teaching or research labs in the Rhodes Center.

► **Certain Areas of the Livestock Instructional Arena Complex**: In-training dogs are permitted in the classroom, lobby area, and bathrooms of the Livestock Arena. The in-training dogs are also permitted in the covered inside arena area seating area when it is vacant and during public events like livestock shows; however, they are not permitted when a lab is being held in the inside arena. In-training dogs are not allowed in the kitchen of the inside arena, in the outside arena area, the pen areas or at the Arena horse farm at any time, with one exception—if there is a public event, such as the rodeo, horse show, or livestock show that uses the outdoor arena as its main site venue, then the in-training service dogs will be permitted in the outside arena area seating area.

► **Meat Science Technology Center (MSTC)**: The MSTC is located on one wing of the Rhodes Center. This area houses an abattoir that is used to process the animals from our farms for both research and teaching purposes. It also houses coolers and research and teaching fabrication rooms, a cookhouse, a classroom and a meat sales area. This facility is a federally inspected facility because our Department sells the beef, pork and lamb processed in this facility. Also, there are instruments used for animal processing that are sharp and can inflict great bodily damage to both people and animals. In-training dogs are not permitted in any part of the MSTC.