

İZMİR INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

CAMPUS ANIMALS DIRECTIVE

Purpose

Article 1. The purpose of this Directive is to ensure that animals living on the Izmir Institute of Technology (IZTECH) Campus live in harmony with humans and in a healthy manner, without harming humans, their own species, or other species, in accordance with animal rights and relevant legislation, and to prevent mistreatment and torturing behavior towards animals.

Scope

Article 2. This Directive covers the rules to be followed and conditions to be provided for animals living on the IZTECH Campus.

Definitions

Article 3. The terms used in this Directive are defined as follows:

Animal Rights: the animal rights delineated in the Universal Declaration of Animal Rights (UNESCO, October 15, 1978, Paris).

IZTECH Animal Rights Commission: The Commission composed of representatives of academic and administrative units of IZTECH.

IZTECH Animal Friends Club: Students' club established by volunteer students with an academic advisor at IZTECH.

Legislation: Animal Protection Law (No. 5199), enacted on July 01, 2004 (published in the Official Gazette, number 25509); Law on Amendments to the Animal Protection Law (No. 7527), enacted on August 02, 2024 (Published in the Official Gazette, issue, 32620).

Administration: IZTECH Rectorate,

Veterinary Affairs Directorate: Urla Municipality Veterinary Affairs Directorate.

Animal Rehabilitation Centre: The Animal Rehabilitation Centre operated by the Urla Municipality Veterinary Affairs Directorate.

Catalog: A list of dogs and cats living on campus, including their photographs, names, microchip and tag numbers, identifying characteristics, and locations. The registration Identification of the animals on campus by naming them.

Name Collar: A collar with the dog's name on it.

Microchip: the chip with a number placed subcutaneously in cats and dogs by the Veterinary Affairs Directorate.

Vaccination Card: A document issued by a veterinarian showing the animal's vaccination records.

Unregistered Dog/Cat: the dog/ cat is not yet registered in the catalog.

Controlled Animal: the Animal sterilised, vaccinated and registered by the Veterinary Affairs Directorate and defined and listed by the Animal Friends' Club.

Uncontrolled dog/ cat: the dog/ cat not yet sterilized, vaccinated by the veterinarian, and not yet registered in the catalog.

Debilitated animal: An animal with health problems and disabilities such as aging, disability, injury and illness, excluding infectious and epidemic animal diseases.

Wild Animal: Wild vertebrate and non-vertebrate animal species that are components of biodiversity and fauna on campus.

Food Container: Fixed food containers are located in feeding points on campus, away from building entrances and gathering areas.

Automatic Water Bowls: Fixed water bowls connected to the drinking water system, being automatically filled as they are emptied.

Disinfection: The destruction of disease-causing microorganisms in food containers.

Infectious Diseases: Diseases transmitted from animal to human, human to animal, or animal to animal.

Socialisation: practices for dogs and cats to live harmoniously and non-threateningly with humans and each other.

Adoption: permanent home adoption for cats and dogs.

Population control: Neutering of cats and dogs by the municipal veterinarian.

Rehabilitation: Controlling and correcting threatening behavior in dogs under professional and veterinary supervision.

Cannibalism: Eating one another from own or other species

Animal Care Volunteers: IZTECH Student, faculty, or administrative personnel voluntarily taking care for and supervise campus animals.

Animal Feeding Volunteers: IZTECH Student, faculty, or administrative personnel voluntarily taking responsibility for feeding dogs and cats on campus.

Threatening behaviour: Dogs threatening or chasing or attempting to bite people and other animals

Bite: A case reported by a State hospital record where dogs injured people with their teeth.

Article 4. An Animal Rights Commission will be established on IZTECH campus, consisting of one representative from each academic and administrative unit and student representatives. The Commission will coordinate and supervise the Animal Friends Club, Veterinary Affairs Directorate, and Administration to take necessary precautions and raise awareness of animal rights and practices.

Article 5. It is essential that animals found debilitated and uncontrolled on campus are reported to the Veterinary Affairs Directorate so that they can be neutered, vaccinated, and cured before being adopted.

Article 6. The dogs and cats that have socialized in and adapted to campus life are registered as "IZTECH dogs" by the Veterinary Affairs Directorate and recorded in the catalog. These animals are supported to continue their lives in their own environment on IZTECH campus in accordance with the legislation and Animal Rights. Considering the geographical location of the IZTECH campus, it is necessary to keep a certain number of dog populations on campus to prevent uncontrolled dog entry from rural areas because of human negligence, an increase in the dog population, and rabies cases originating from wild animals.

Article 7. A catalog is prepared and regularly updated, including the name, age, identifying features, photograph, microchip or ear tag number, vaccination record, and disease history of each dog and cat on campus. This catalog is accessible on the IZTECH Animal Friends Club's Webpage and the IZTECH Web portal.

Animal Feeding, Care and Hygiene Principles

Article 8. The principles of feeding and water supply for dogs and cats on campus are as follows:

A-Food and Water Supply:

(1) A sufficient number of food containers and automatic water bowls for dogs and cats are placed in appropriate locations away from the entrances of buildings and gathering areas on campus.

(2) Foods are distributed to the food containers by the animal feeding volunteers from Animal Friends Club with the help of a driver and administrative staff to be assigned by the IZTECH Rectorate.

B-Care and Hygiene

(1) The food containers and automatic water bowls are regularly cleaned and disinfected by the cleaning staff and animal feeding volunteers.

(2) At least two animal care volunteers are determined from each academic and administrative unit and Student Dormitories on campus take responsibility for monitoring the health of the dogs and cats around each building. Annual

(3) Animal care volunteers assist the Municipality veterinarian in the regular follow-up of dogs' annual vaccinations, internal and external parasite treatments; and update information on these treatments.

(4) Animal care volunteers immediately notify the Municipal Veterinary Office in case of accidental injuries or illness of animals and assist to deliver the injured or sick animals to the Veterinary Staff. In cases where the Municipal Veterinary Office cannot come to the campus immediately due to workload, the sick or injured animal is transported to the Veterinary Clinique with a vehicle from the IZTECH Rectorate General Secretariat and the help of animal care volunteers.

(5) The necessary number of kennels for dogs that have been provided will be localised according to the dog groups around the buildings, and nests for cats will be placed in suitable places where dogs will not harm them.

(6) The population of dogs and cats is controlled by regularly monitoring new arrivals to the campus, immediately reporting them to the municipal veterinarian, neutering them, and adopting them by volunteers.

(7) It is the responsibility of anyone to notify the Municipal Veterinary Affairs Directorate of an emergency regarding dogs and cats and to inform the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry Izmir Provincial Directorate for wild animals.

Procedures in Biting and Attack Cases

Article 9. In cases of bites, the bitten person immediately goes to a state hospital for vaccination and applies to the Municipal Veterinary Directorate with the vaccination certificate he/she receives regarding the biting dog.

Article 10. Animal care volunteers immediately report a biting or threatening dog to the municipal veterinary affairs directorate and assist the municipal team in taking it to the rehabilitation center for observation.

Article 11. Threatening or attacking dogs taken to the Rehabilitation Center are adopted at the end of the surveillance period.

Mandatory Rules

Article 12. The mandatory rules regarding animals on the IZTECH campus are as follows:

- a) Animals cannot be tortured, mistreated, and left hungry and thirsty.
- b) Cars on the IZTECH campus cannot exceed the 30 km/h speed limit set to prevent accidents with people and animals.
- c) If an animal is hit by a car, the person who caused the accident must take the injured animal to the veterinary clinic and have it treated as necessary.
- d) Dogs and cats are fed only at feeding points.
- e) No dog or cat can be brought and left on the campus by its owners.
- f) Uncontrolled dogs and cats are reported to the Veterinary Affairs Directorate.
- g) Registered dogs and cats are neutered and vaccinated by the Veterinary Affairs Directorate.
- h) Kittens and puppies born on campus are cared for and looked after in their environments; when they no longer need their mothers to survive, they are reported to the Veterinary Affairs Directorate to be vaccinated, neutered, and put up for adoption.

Article 13. Compliance with these rules is mandatory for students, academics, administrative staff, and others living and working on campus. In case of violation of these rules, the administration will take legal and disciplinary action.

Safety

Article 14. Students, academic and administrative staff, and others working and living on campus will support volunteers in the safety and health of animals; the security team will monitor accidents and possible mistreatment of animals and cannibalism among them through the camera system on campus and intervene as necessary in emergencies.

Cases for which there is no provision

Article 15. Other relevant legislation and senate decisions are applied in cases not covered by this Directive.

Enforcement

Article 16. This Directive shall enter into force on 8 November 2024, when the IZTECH Senate approves it.