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## **Public Transportation PET POLICY**

The following guidelines and procedures make up the policies related to pet transportation on Southern Indiana Transit System, (SITS). Service animals and pets are allowed on the vans and busses as long as the guidelines below are followed. If for any reason the driver determines any pet is unsafe for transport, the driver will call SITS management for further direction before a trip is denied. Most animals are allowed as long as they are on a leash or in a carrier. Transportation is dependent upon the safety of the vehicle and its passengers. A threatening animal, odors and/or unacceptable owner behavior will result in refusal to ride.

### **Dogs**

Small dogs must be leashed or in an enclosed carrier. You must be able to transport your dog and carrier by yourself. The carrier must be held on your lap at all times. Noise or odor may give cause for refusal to transport the animal. Large dogs, 60 lbs. and over need to be leashed and kept out of the way of other passengers. Dogs cannot sit on the vehicle seats. Dogs must be muzzled and or on a short leash or in a small enclosed carrier.

### **Cats**

Cats must be in an enclosed carrier. You must be able to transport your cat and carrier by yourself. The carrier must be held on your lap at all times. Noise or odor may give cause for refusal to transport the animal. There will be no loose cat carry on allowed.

### **Birds**

Birds must be in an enclosed carrier. You must be able to transport your bird and carrier by yourself. The carrier must be held on your lap at all times. Noise or odor may give cause for refusal to transport the animal. There will be no loose bird handling in the vans and the buses.

### **All Other Animals**

All other animals are allowed providing that they are either in an animal carrier or leashed, and not a threat to other passengers, this includes pigs, lizards, rodents (gerbils, hamsters, guinea pigs) snakes, insects, bats, etc.

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