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TO: MEMBERS OF THE UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY

On September 12, 1968, the City of Berkeley enacted an Ordinance (No. 4372) designed to minimize the hazards of uncontrolled dogs while permitting freedom for owners to enjoy their pets. This memorandum announces the dog control measures which are being put into effect on the campus. This is not merely a matter of legislative conformity. A study by the campus Office of Environmental Health and Safety indicates that dogs roaming freely on campus constitute health and safety problems.

Last year at least 43 persons were bitten by dogs on the campus. Rabies is endemic to the Berkeley area and since there is a real risk of transmission of this dread disease, cases of dog bite cause fear as well as pain, and may require extensive, dangerous prophylaxis.

In addition to rabies, two other diseases are communicated by dogs. Leptospirosis can cause permanent damage to liver and kidneys. Tapeworm produces an infestation for which there is no specific treatment.

Campus administrative offices receive frequent complaints that classroom instruction and office operation are interrupted by dogs who wander, or are brought, into campus buildings. In addition, the nuisance created by uncontrolled dogs roaming the campus is a steady source of irritation.

The study conducted by the campus Office of Environmental Health and Safety indicates that many dogs are brought to the campus from distance and tied cruelly to trees, or left at large while their owners are working or attending classes. The danger posed by uncontrolled dogs is increased when they run in packs.

In view of these considerations, the following policies concerning dog control are being put into effect as of January 22, 1969.

1. The Berkeley campus, in cooperation with the City of Berkeley, will follow the intent of Berkeley Ordinance 4372, known as the Dog Leash Law, as it applies to residential areas. Dogs shall not be brought onto the campus except on leash or unless the dog is within the sight and control of the owner.
2. For the general good of people on the campus all dogs brought onto the campus should be kept on leash rather than relying on the sight and control of the owner. Owners should refrain from leaving their dogs tied unattended about the campus while working or attending classes.
3. Dogs shall not be brought into any campus building even though the dog is on a leash or within sight and control of the owner. Seeing Eye Dogs and animals involved in authorized research projects are excepted.
4. Dogs which are on campus in violation of these policies will be picked up and removed from the campus and delivered to the Berkeley City Pound from which they may be recovered by the owner.

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