

NMBU has to facilitate a kennel

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To many students, dogs are an important part of everyday life and it has been shown that the company of a dog has positive effects on both physical and mental health. Studies show that pets give you lower stress hormone levels, lower blood pressure, experiences of support and a feeling of mastery, not to mention that a dog will contribute to a higher level of activity. In a student body where many feel lonely and stressed, a dog can therefore be a very good and important measure.

In the time to come the university will get many commuters when the veterinary school moves to campus Ås. With several courses that require long shifts at school and in the clinic, the student everyday life with a dog will be quite stressful for both dog and student.

Facilitating for a kennel will ease things for the student. Access to a room/building where the dog can stay, and where the students can organize supervision of the animals, would solve a big stressor in the student everyday life for students with dogs.

The Student Parliament thinks:

- NMBU must look at the possibility to set aside a room/building for a student-kennel.
- It must be set strict animal welfare requirements to the kennel and the animal must have enough space to do natural behaviors
- It is assumed that the kennel mainly is user-financed