

SERVICE ANIMALS

Service animals are certified and trained to assist people with disabilities in routine activities of living. According to the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), a service animal describes any animal individually trained to work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability, including, but not limited to, guiding individuals who are blind, alerting individuals who are hearing impaired to doorbells or telephone calls, providing minimal protection or rescue work, pulling a wheelchair or fetching dropped items. The animal is not a pet, but a trained service animal.

Service animals are permitted to accompany a person with a disability everywhere on campus. However, some places, such as specific research labs, mechanical rooms and areas where special protective clothing is required, may not be safe for animals.

Owners of service animals are responsible for the following:

- Animals must be licensed in accordance with local regulations
- Animals must have all appropriate vaccinations
- Animals must be in good health
- Animals to be housed at the university must have an annual clean bill of health from a licensed veterinarian
- Animals must be on a leash at all times
- Animals must be under control at all times
- Waste disposal

Owners of disruptive and aggressive animals will be asked to remove them from university property. If improper behaviors happen repeatedly, the animals will not be allowed to return to campus until their owners correct the behaviors. Such corrections as recommended by the university may include muzzles for barking dogs and refresher training for the owners and animals.