

Service Animal Guidelines

Trained service animals* are allowed in campus buildings. All service animals must be on a leash and attended at all times unless otherwise approved by College Administration or the Disability Resources and Services Coordinator.

Definitions:

Service Animals:

Department of Justice rules and regulations, which went into effect March 15, 2011, define a “service animal” as a dog [or miniature horse*] which has been individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability. According to the rules, the dog must be “individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability, including a physical, sensory, psychiatric, intellectual, or other mental disability.” The rules state that the work or tasks performed by the service animal must be directly related to the person’s disability. Examples of tasks may include but are not limited to guiding an individual who is blind or has a visual impairment, providing stability or balance to individuals with mobility impairments, pulling a wheelchair, retrieving dropped items, alerting a person to a sound, reminding a person to take medication, pressing an elevator button, or calming a person with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder.

A service animal on EITC’s campus is required to be under the control of its handler at all times. This may be through the use of a harness, leash, or other tether. In the case where the handler is unable to hold a tether, the handler must control the service animal through some other means.

Under the ADAAA a service animal is allowed in public facilities and accommodations. The individual with the service animal cannot be asked about the nature or extent of his/her disability. Nor can they be asked to provide documentation or proof that the animal has been certified, trained, or licensed as a service animal. When the service animal’s tasks are not evident, EITC staff and faculty are permitted to only ask the following questions

- Is the animal required because of a disability?
- What work or task has the animal been trained to perform?

EITC faculty and staff may not require that the service animal demonstrate the tasks it has been trained to complete.

Responsibilities of Service Animals and Their Partners/Handlers

- The animal must be on a leash or harness at all times as indicated above.
- The partner/handler shall be in control of the service animal at all times.

If the service animal is not housebroken, is unruly or disruptive and not under control of the handler, or poses a direct threat to the health or safety of others, the College may ask the partner/handler to remove the service animal. Each situation will be considered on a case-by-case basis. If the dispute cannot be settled by the partner/handler and the Disability Resources and Services Coordinator, a grievance may be filed with the Vice-President of Instruction and

Student Affairs, following the published Students with Disabilities Grievance Procedure.

*Refer to the Department of Justice rule § 36.302 Modifications in Policies, Practices, or Procedures of the Title III: Final Rule amending 28 CFR Part 36: Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability by Public Accommodations and in Commercial Facilities for information regarding use of a miniature horse as a service animal.

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