

Service Animal Guidelines

Students with disabilities who require the use of service animals are permitted to bring such animals on campus provided they do not pose a substantial and direct threat to health or safety of the University and people in the g52o3 Tw 11.04 -0 2

reasonable conditions or restrictions on a service or assistance animal depending on the nature or characteristics of the animal.

A dog being trained has the same rights as a fully trained dog when accompanied by a trainer and identified as such in any place of public accommodation (as defined in ORS 659A. 400). Handler of service dogs in training must also adhere to the requirements for service animals and are subject to the removal policies as outlined in this policy.

I. Definition of Service Animal:

The American with Disabilities Act (ADA) defines a service animal as “a dog that is individually trained to do work or perform tasks for people with disabilities.”¹ The task(s) performed must be directly related to the person’s disability. In some cases, miniature horses may be service animals. Service animals are working animals, not pets. The work or task a dog has been trained to provide must be directly related to the person’s disability. Emotional Support Animals are not considered service animals.

II. Guidelines for Service Animals at Willamette University:

1. A service animal may be excluded from a facility, including a classroom, if that animal poses a direct threat to the health or he W07.9 Buhe W07.9 Buhe W07.9 Buhe W07.9 Buhe W07.9 Buhe W07.9 Buhe W07.9 Buhe W07.9 Buhe -1.9 (lur
3. All owners or handlers of service animals are responsible to clean up after and properly dispose of their animal’s feces while on campus.
4. Service animals must be kept on a leash or under the control of the handler at all times.

III. Service Animals in University Housing

Students wishing to utilize a service animal in campus housing are encouraged to contact the Housing Office at 503-370-6212 to register their animal prior to arrival. We also encourage those students to contact the office of Accessible Education Services at 503-375-6737. View the [Service Animal Owner Responsibilities in Campus Residences](#) to learn about expectations of animal owners at Willamette. This information can also be accessed by contacting Housing.

¹ https://www.ada.gov/service_animals_2010.htm

References

[ADA Requirements Service Animals](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions about Service Animals and the ADA \(Department of Justice, July 2015\)](#)

[Americans with Disabilities Act Title II Regulations \(August 2016\)](#)

[Oregon Revised Statutes \(ORS\) 659A. 400](#)