

BP 3440 -- Service/Assistance Animals

Chemeketa Community College is committed to providing accessible services to all persons and does so in accordance with the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) as amended (2008).

In compliance with federal and state laws, Chemeketa Community College generally allows service animals, or animals approved for a particular purpose, in all areas of college-owned and/or controlled facilities, such as, but not limited to, campus, classrooms, and college sponsored events to ensure full access and participation of individuals with disabilities. Chemeketa may restrict or remove a service animal's access when the animal poses a direct threat to the health and safety of others, is not under the control of the handler, is not housebroken, or would pose a fundamental change to the class or activity.

Students requesting accommodation will contact Student Accessibility Services. College employees requesting accommodations will contact Human Resources.

The person responsible for any service animal on college-owned and/or controlled property, shall be responsible for any damage to college property, and litter removal and cleanup.

No service animal shall be left unattended on college facilities, including inside parked vehicles, for any period of time without the public safety director's approval.

Chemeketa Community College may also report to the appropriate county animal control agency an animal believed or suspected to be abused, mistreated, or noncompliant with local regulations such as those pertaining to vaccinations and registration.

Definitions

a. Handler

The person with a disability who utilizes a service animal and is responsible for the animal while on campus.

b. Service Animals

As of March 15, 2011, only dogs¹ are recognized as service animals under titles II and III of the ADA as amended (2008). A service animal is defined as a dog that is specifically "trained to do work or perform tasks" that are directly related to a person's disability. **A service animal is not an emotional support animal or a pet.**

Examples of service animal tasks include pulling a person's wheelchair, providing assistance

¹ Under particular circumstances set forth in the regulations 28 CFR 35.136(i), a miniature horse may qualify as a service animal.

with stability or balance, guiding an individual who is blind or has low vision, or retrieving items such as pens or backpacks.

c. Service Animal in Training

A service animal in training is a dog that is being trained to perform specific tasks or duties that are directly related to a person's disability.

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References:

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