



SERVICE ANIMAL POLICY AGREEMENT FORM

Some individuals with disabilities utilize service animals to directly assist them in daily life. Due to recent changes in Department of Justice regulations (March 2011), a service animal is limited to dogs.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act 2008 (ADAAA), service dogs are permitted in University facilities. The ADAAA defines service animals as:

"Any animal individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability, including, but not limited to, guiding individuals with impaired vision, alerting individuals to an impending seizure or protecting individuals during one, alerting individuals who are hearing impaired to intruders, or pulling a wheelchair or fetching dropped items."

Regardless of status as a service dog, a handler may be asked to remove the animal from the University facilities if the dog's behavior poses a direct health or safety threat to others or is disruptive to the campus community.

REQUIREMENTS FOR SERVICE DOGS AND THEIR HANDLERS

1. University of Redlands students with a documented disability and who need the assistance of a service dog should contact Disability Services for notification regarding the use of a service dog on campus. Disability Services can be reached at 909-748-8108 or at asds@redlands.edu. A Disability Services staff member will contact the appropriate offices, departments, and personnel. This may include, but is not limited to, Bon Appetit food service, Public Safety, Residence Life & Housing, and faculty.
2. Service dogs should wear a harness, identification tags, or other gear in order for individuals to recognize the dog's working status. It is recommended that the service dog wears an owner identification tag.
3. The handler must be in control of the dog at all times. It is the sole responsibility of the handler to supervise and care for the dog.
4. All service dogs must comply with local and state licensing regulations as well as vaccination/health requirements.
5. It is the sole responsibility of the handler to remove and dispose of the dog's waste. Handlers need to carry equipment for the disposal of the dog's waste at all times. If the handler is unable to independently manage this responsibility because of a disability, he or she must contact Disability Services to discuss other arrangements and the University will assist in finding ways to assure compliance.
6. The handler is financially responsible for the action(s) of the service dog that may cause bodily injury or property damage, including, but not limited to, any replacement of furniture, carpet, window or wall covering, etc. The handler is expected to pay the cost of any damages upon repair and/or move-out.
7. Students who are certified dog trainers and/or handlers and who would like to request permission to train a service animal on campus, need to contact Debbie Riley, Coordinator of MS GIS Program, at 909-748-8128, at debbie_riley@redlands.edu, or meet with her at her office location in Lewis Hall. Debbie will contact the appropriate personnel in Residence Life & Housing and Disability Services, as applicable. The decision to allow a dog in training on campus is at the discretion of the University of Redlands. The University reserves the right to limit the number of dogs being trained and/or revoke prior permission granted to train a dog.
8. Any violation of the above rules may result in immediate removal of the dog from the University. This decision may be reviewed by Residence Life & Housing, Disability Services, and any other appropriate office and/or Administrator involved in the situation.

I, _____, realize that by signing this Service Policy Agreement form, I am agreeing to uphold the above mentioned requirements. I have read over the requirements and recognize my responsibilities in having a service dog on campus. I also understand this will serve as an agreement between me and the University of Redlands for the duration of my attendance and/or until I officially separated from the University.

Student's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Disability Services Signature: _____

Date: _____