

### **C.2.1.3 (Procedure) Animals on College District Premises**

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Animals are generally not permitted on property owned or controlled by the College District ("College District premises") with the following exceptions.

#### **Service Animals**

Service Animals (defined in 28 CFR 36.104 as may be modified from time-to-time and to the extent consistent, in #1, below) necessary for accommodating disabilities are permitted on College District premises.

1. "Service Animal" means any guide dog, signal dog or other 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 with impaired hearing to intruders and sounds, providing minimal protection or rescue work, pulling a wheelchair or fetching dropped items. If there are questions about whether an animal qualifies as a Service Animal, a determination will be made by the Title IX and ADA/Section 504 Coordinator designated in Policy [F.1.1](#).
2. Students with a disability desiring the use of a Service Animal on campus should first contact the Disability Support Services Office designated for that college, to register as a student with a disability. The Disability Support Services Office will evaluate the disability and recommend any additional accommodations appropriate to the functional limitations of the disability. Faculty or Staff desiring use of a service animal should contact the Office of Human Resources. The Associate Vice Chancellor of Human Resources (or a designee) will evaluate the disability and make any appropriate recommendations.
3. Individuals using Service Animals on campus should provide information as to how the Service Animal accommodates their disability and shall comply with the *Conditions of Permitted Use of Animals*, below.

#### **Non-Service Animals**

Domesticated Animals that are not considered Service Animals are permitted to the extent necessary for Official Purposes.

1. "Official Purposes" means use of domesticated animals in instructional classes/programs as part of the established course curriculum, or for law enforcement purposes by law enforcement agencies.
2. Individuals using Non-Service Animals shall comply with the *Conditions of Permitted Use of Animals*, below.

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#### **Conditions of Permitted Use of Animals**

1. Animals must be currently licensed and tagged as appropriate for that type of animal, in accordance with state and local requirements;
2. Animals must be in good health and must be clean and reasonably free of fleas and offensive odor;
3. Reasonable behavior is expected and proper training techniques and even mitigating steps (such as muzzling or refresher training) may be required to correct behavioral situations;
4. Animals shall be attended, on a leash and under control at all times;
5. Biological waste matter (including vomit, urine or feces) must be removed immediately and sterilizing agent applied to the affected surface;
6. Animals deemed to pose a direct threat to health and safety under circumstances which cannot be reasonably mitigated may be prohibited.

*Legal Reference - TACC Policy Reference Manual*

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