

SERVICE ANIMALS ON CAMPUS



What is a service animal?

A service animal is a dog* that is trained to do work or perform tasks for a person with a disability.

*Although service animals are defined as dogs, entities covered by the ADA must also modify their policies to permit miniature horses where reasonable as a provision under the ADA.

Do service animals always wear a special harness?

A service dog is not required to wear a vest, special harness, or tag that identifies it as a service animal.



What's some basic etiquette to keep in mind around service animals?

Service dogs are working animals, so it is important to avoid distracting them by petting or talking to them. The presence of a service dog should not be considered an invitation to ask questions about the person's disability.



What if I want to confirm if an animal is a service animal?

Legally, you may only ask these two questions:

- Is the dog a service animal required because of a disability?
- What task is the dog trained to perform?

