

Pets and Therapy Animals at SCC Locations and Events

1. Pets and Therapy Animals are not permitted in College facilities or at SCC sponsored events. However, permission may be granted by the Responsible Administrator for a pet or Therapy Animal to be in a SCC facility or at an event for a specific reason at a specific time. Examples include:

- { a pet or Therapy Animal is used as a demonstration tool in a class;
- { a group may be given permission to use a College facility for a pet show;
- { a pet obedience class through Continuing Education.

2. Requests for exceptions to this general restriction must be submitted in writing to the Responsible Administrator prior to the event/activity. Requests will be reviewed and decided on a case by case basis by the Responsible Administrator in consultation with other College officials.

3. Inquiry/Documentation

The College may make two inquiries to determine whether an animal qualifies as a service animal:

- 1) if the animal is required because of a disability; and
- 2) what work or task the animal has been trained to perform.

The College does not require documentation, such as proof that the animal has been certified, trained, or licensed as a service animal. However, the College will consider the following criteria in situations involving the use of a miniature horse as a potential service animal:

- { The type, size, and weight of the miniature horse and whether ability can accommodate these features;
- { Whether the handler has sufficient control of the miniature horse;
- { Whether the miniature horse is housebroken; and
- { Whether the miniature horse's presence in a specific facility compromises legitimate safety requirements that are necessary for safe operation.
- { Other requirements established in these guidelines, which apply to service animals, shall also apply to miniature horses.

4. Requirements for all Animals and Their Partners/Handlers

The following requirements must be met prior to having/using any animal at a SCC facility or college sponsored event.

- { Vaccination: The animal must be immunized against diseases common to that type of animal. Dogs must have had the general maintenance vaccine series, which includes vaccinations against rabies, distemper, and parvovirus. Other animals must have had the appropriate vaccination series for the type of animal. All vaccinations must be current. Animals must wear a rabies vaccination tag as prescribed by state law or local ordinance.
- { Licensing: State/local licensing requirements must be met prior to having/using an animal at a SCC location or event.
- { Owner ID and Other Tag: State/local tag/identification requirements must be met prior to having/using an animal at a SCC location or event. Tags may include identification, license, and rabies.
- { Health: The animal must be in good health. NOTE: If a service animal is to be housed in college owned/operated housing, it must have an annual "clean bill of health" from a licensed veterinarian. These documents will be retained in the residence hall manager's office.
- { Control- A service animal shall be under the control of its partner/handler at all times. A service animal shall have a harness, leash, or other tether, unless either the handler is unable because of a disability to use a harness, leash, or other tether, or the use of a

4. Never allow the animal to urinate indoors.
5. Exception- Individuals with disabilities who physically cannot clean up after their own service animal may not be required to pick up and dispose of waste. However, these individuals should use marked service animal "toileting" areas when such areas are provided, or the

determined on a case-by-