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SERVICE ANIMALS ON CAMPUS

There have been several questions regarding the policy concerning the presence of service animals on campus. The following are the legal statues regarding service animals on campus:

Pursuant to Civil Code, Division 1, Persons, Part 2.5. Blind and Other Physically Disabled Persons, Section § 54.2.:

(a) Every individual with a disability has the right to be accompanied by a guide dog, signal dog, or service dog, especially trained for the purpose, in any of the places specified in Section 54.1 without being required to pay an extra charge or security deposit for the guide dog, signal dog, or service dog. However, the individual shall be liable for any damage done to the premises or facilities by his or her dog.

Section 54.1 refers to full and equal access to any place where the general public has access. This includes public schools, community colleges, and state universities.

(b) Individuals who are blind or otherwise visually impaired and persons licensed to train guide dogs for individuals who are blind or visually impaired pursuant to Chapter 9.5 of Division 3 of the Business and Professions Code or as defined in regulations implementing Title III of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, and individuals who are deaf or hearing impaired and persons authorized to train signal dogs for individuals who are deaf or hearing impaired, and individuals with a disability and persons who are authorized to train service dogs for the individuals with a disability may take dogs, for the purpose of training them as guide dogs, signal dogs, or service dogs in any of the places specified in Section 54.1 without being required to pay an extra charge or security deposit for the guide dog, signal dog, or service dog. However, the person shall be liable for any damage done to the premises or facilities by his or her dog. These persons shall ensure the dog is on a leash and tagged as a guide dog, signal dog, or service dog by an identification tag issued by the county clerk, animal control department, or other agency, as authorized by Chapter 3.5 of Title 14 of the Food and Agricultural Code.

(c) As used in this section, the terms "guide dog," "signal dog," and "service dog" have the same meanings as specified in Section 54.1.

Section 54.1 defines these categories as follows: "guide dog" means any guide dog that was trained by a person licensed under Chapter 9.5 of Division 3 of the Business and Professions Code or as defined in the regulations implementing Title III of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990; "signal dog" means any dog trained to alert an individual who is deaf or hearing impaired to intruders or sounds; "service dog" means any dog individually trained to the requirements of the individual with a disability, including, but not limited to, minimal protection work, rescue work, pulling a wheelchair, or fetching dropped items.

Please note, under the Civil Code, **persons with service dogs shall ensure the dog is on a leash and tagged as**

a guide dog, signal dog, or service dog by an identification tag issued by the county clerk, animal control department, or other agency, as authorized by Chapter 3.5 of Title 14 of the Food and Agricultural Code.

We understand that there are some individuals who bring comfort animals on campus. However, in order for an animal to accompany students or staff into classrooms or other college buildings, the service animal must be identified as comfort care animals are not permitted by law to be in classrooms or offices.

If you encounter individuals with animals entering buildings or classrooms, and the animals are not identifiable as service animals, please report the incident and location to the campus Sheriff's Office. They can be reached at (323) 662-5276, or you can dial #3 from any campus phone.

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“We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit.”
- Aristotle