

San Diego Community College District

DSPS Service Animal Fact Sheet



Service Animals are permitted on the campus for students with disabilities. A service animal means any dog (or miniature horse) that is individually trained to do work or perform tasks for a person with a disability; 28 C.F.R. 35.136(i).

- Policy 3105.2 details the procedures for Service Animals on the campus. You may be asked to verify to district personnel that your dog is a service animal if it is not readily apparent. Staff may ask if you have a dog (miniature horse) due to a disability and/or what work or task does your animal perform. Service animals are allowed in the classroom as a reasonable accommodation, but may have exclusions due to health or safety.
- If your service animal meets the requirements as a reasonable accommodation, your DSPS counselor can provide a green sticker that reads "DSPS service animal". Apply the sticker on the back of your college ID or Continuing Education Student Attendance card. We recommend that you keep your identification card with you at all times when on the campus as it is used for identification in many areas, but the sticker is not required.
- In accordance with San Diego County code SDCC Sections 62.669a, 62.601d, and 62.601y, your dog must be restrained by a hand held leash, not longer than 6 feet in length.
- The owner of every dog over the age of four months is required by law to ensure that his or her pet is currently vaccinated against rabies (SDCC Section 62.610) and licensed (SDCC Section 62.620a). Dog owners who fail to comply with these SDCC regulations may also be subject to penalties. The dog's license tag should be worn securely fastened to the dog's collar or harness at all times. This provides for a uniform identification system and a visible means of ensuring that the animal has been vaccinated against rabies
- You may contact the Department of Animal Services for information about rabies vaccination and dog licensing clinics throughout the county. For recorded information about upcoming clinics, please call (619)236-4646. For more information about dog licensing, including an application for assistance dog identification tag (form DAS-195), please visit your local county animal shelter or call (619)236-4250 or contact them at www.sddac.com . We are not responsible for changes in the licensing information that the county requires.
- It is your responsibility to clean up after your service animal at all times.
- If your service animal creates a health and safety or instructional/service disruption, your animal will no longer be considered a reasonable accommodation and will need to leave the campus based on the code of conduct policies and procedures (BP 3100/ AP 3100). Any damages are the responsibility of the owner of the animal. Failure to comply with the request may result in disciplinary action. Alternative accommodations would be discussed with your DSPS counselor should this occur.