

Service Animals in Training

The University recognizes the importance of Service Animals as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act (ADAAA). While Service Animals in training are not recognized under the ADAAA, Utah State Law (§62A-5b-104) provides those same rights of access for individuals who are training Service Animals. Because Utah State Law does not clarify further its use of the term “in training,” University Housing, has established a definition based on accepted practices suggested by Assistance Dogs International (ADI). A service-dog-in-training is a dog, accompanied by its trainer, that is undergoing individual training to provide specific disability-related work or service for an individual with a disability. This does not include obedience training or socialization of puppies who may later become Service Animals (generally 12-18 months). Thus, adult dogs are recognized as being “in training” to provide disability-specific assistance only after they have completed an earlier period of socialization (obedience training, being house broken, getting acclimated to public places and every day activities as pets).

Students who are training Service Animals and who wish to bring those dogs into University Housing must register those dogs with the Disability Resource Center so that appropriate arrangements regarding placement, roommates, etc. may be made and all appropriate rules regarding expectations/behavior of the animal while on campus can be reviewed. Trainers will also be asked to provide information that allows the University to determine that the dog is indeed being trained as a Service Animal. Service dogs in training and their handlers will be expected to adhere to all of the requirements for Service Animals as outlined in this handbook.

Expectations for Service Animal Trainers

- Service Animals in Training must be fully housebroken before entering USU Housing.
- Noise and barking must be kept to a minimum. Service Animals in Training may not create an unmanageable disturbance in USU Housing.
- The Handler is responsible for ensuring that the Service Animal in Training is crated when the Handler is not present. The university reserves the right to inspect the enclosure to be used in containing the animal.
- When a Service Animal in Training is outside the private individual living accommodations, it must be controlled by a leash or harness. No Handler shall permit their dog to go loose or run at large. If an animal is found running at large, the animal is subject to capture and confinement and immediate removal from University housing.
- The Handler is required to immediately clean up after and properly dispose of their dog’s waste in a safe and sanitary manner.
- The Handler must provide the University with verification from a veterinarian that the Service Animal in Training has received all the appropriate vaccinations.
- Service Animals in Training and their crates, cages, and bedding, may not be washed using communal Housing facilities or equipment (i.e. showers, bathtubs, washing machines, etc.)
- A Handler may be charged for any damage caused by his or her dog beyond reasonable wear and tear to the same extent that Housing charges other individuals for damages beyond reasonable wear and tear. The Handler’s living accommodations may also be inspected for fleas, ticks or

other pests. If fleas, ticks or other pests are detected through inspection, the residence will be treated using approved fumigation methods. The Handler will be billed for the expense of any pest treatment above and beyond standard pest management in the residence. The University shall have the right to bill the Handler's account for unmet obligations under this provision.

- Service Animals in Training in training may not be left overnight in University Housing to be cared for by any individual other than the Handler. If the Handler is to be absent from his/her University residence overnight or longer, the animal must accompany the Handler or be boarded off campus.
- The Handler agrees to abide by all equally applicable residential policies that are unrelated to the individual's disability such as assuring that the animal does not unduly interfere with the routine activities of the residence or cause difficulties for individuals who reside there.
- USU personnel shall not be required to provide care or food for any Service Animal in Training including, but not limited to, removing the animal during emergency evacuation for events such as a fire alarm. Emergency personnel will determine whether to remove the animal and may not be held responsible for the care, damage to, or loss of the animal. The Handler must provide the University with the name and contact information for someone who does not reside in University Housing and who can take responsibility for the animal within 12 hours should the Handler be unable or unavailable to care for it.
- The individual must provide written consent for the Disability Resource Center to disclose information regarding the presence of the Service Animal in Training to those individuals who may be impacted by the presence of the animal including, but not limited to, Residence Life personnel and potential and/or actual roommate(s)/neighbor(s). Such information shall be limited to information related to the animal and shall not include information related to the individual's disability.