



Service Animal Student Agreement

Center for Accessible Resources (CAR)

All students using a service animal registered with CAR are responsible for understanding the following:

- A service animal is defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) as either a **dog** or a **miniature horse**, that are trained to do a task(s) or service directly related to the handlers' disability.
 - Please note: If requesting a miniature horse as a service animal, this will need to be approved by the Center for Accessible Resources (CAR) due to size and space.
- Service animals are allowed in the college's buildings, classrooms, meeting rooms, dining areas, recreational facilities, activities, and events.
- The service animal must be accompanied by an individual with a disability who indicates the service animal is trained, or is currently being trained, to provide, and does provide, a specific service to them that is directly related to their disability.
- While not required, it is recommended that service animals wear a vest, patch, or special harness identifying them as a service animal to put others on notice that the animal is a service animal.
- The service animal should respond to voice or hand commands at all times, and the partner/handler should be in full control of the service animal at all times.
- Control over the service animal should be exerted by means of a harness, leash, or other tether unless it would interfere with the ability of the animal to do the work or perform the tasks for which the animal is trained or is being trained.
- If control cannot be maintained through harness, leash, or other tether, it must be exerted by the effective use of voice commands, signals or other means.
- The service animal must not pose a direct threat to the health or safety of others.

- The service animal should be unobtrusive to other individuals and the learning or working environment.
- The service animal must be clean and in good health.
- The service animal must behave appropriately (i.e. no sniffing other people without the partner/handler's permission, no displaying aggressive or disruptive behavior such as barking, whining, growling, excessive scratching, etc).
- The service animal should not block the access of aisles or doorways for other individuals.
- The service animal should meet licensing requirements for the state, and any local jurisdictions.
- Partners/handlers are responsible for any damage or injuries caused by their service animal and must take appropriate precautions to prevent property damage or personal injury.
- The cost of care, arrangements and responsibilities for the well-being of a service animal are the sole responsibility of the partner/handler at all times.
- The handler is responsible for all clean up in relation to the animal, and should carry equipment to clean up after the animal when on campus.

Restrictions related to safety may include (but are not limited to) the following learning environments, pending the results of the interactive process:

- Nursing and health sciences program practicum sites
- Food preparation areas
- Rooms with heavy machinery
- Areas where protective clothing is required
- Areas that can pose a safety risk to the service animal
- Cases will be considered individually to determine if the service animal poses a possible danger or could be in danger at a certain location, and whether other reasonable accommodations could be provided to assure equal access to the activity

Removal of service animal:

A service animal must be removed if it poses a substantial and/or direct threat to health or safety of others, or when the presence of the service animal constitutes a fundamental alteration to the nature of the program or service, pending the results of the interactive process.

Staff must direct partners/handlers to remove a service animal under the following conditions:

- **Out of control service animal:** The service animal is out of control and the partner/handler does not take effective action to control it.
- **Non-housebroken service animal:** The service animal is not housebroken.
- **Direct Threat:** The service animal presents a substantial and direct threat to the health and/or safety of the partner/handler or others. This may occur as a result of an ill animal, a substantial lack of cleanliness of the animal, or the presence of an animal in sensitive area like a medical facility, certain laboratories, or mechanical or industrial areas.
- Where a service animal is properly removed pursuant to this procedure, the Center for Accessible Resources (CAR) will work with the partner/handler to determine reasonable alternative opportunities to participate in the service, program, or activity without having the service animal on the premises.
- Once the animal is removed, the handler is permitted to stay in or return to the class. The animal may then come back the next day.

Conflicting Disabilities:

In the event of a disability conflict, such as animal allergy of another student, if the situation cannot be resolved in class (such as seating as far apart as possible in the classroom), please contact CAR for assistance.

Service Animals in Training:

Service animals in training are only permitted on campus if their training is only in regards to the specific task(s) or services directly related to the handlers' disability. The animal is still expected to adhere to all of the expectations outlined above.

- Know pertinent canine laws (i.e. leash laws and public access laws).
- Ensure the animal is healthy, flea free, and vaccinations are up to date.
- Take time to make sure your animal is well groomed and free of any foul odor.
- Show respect and consideration to other people and property.
- Use humane training methods, monitor the animal's stress level, and provide rest breaks.
- Carry clean-up materials and take prompt action to clean up if animal eliminates or gets sick.

I have read and understand the agreement for students using Service Animal accommodations requested through the Center for Accessible Resources (CAR) at Lane Community College.

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

It is a policy of the state Board of Education and a priority of the Oregon Department of Education that there will be no discrimination and harassment on the grounds of race, color, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, religion, national origin, age, or disability in any educational programs, activities or employment. Inquiries may be directed to the Chief Human Resource Officer, (541) 463-5115.

To request this information in an alternate format please contact the Center for Accessible Resources at (541) 463-5150 or accessibleresources@lanecc.edu.