

Student Services Manual (SSM)

SSM 701–06: Service Animals on ASU’s Campuses

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Purpose

To comply with federal and state laws regarding individuals with disabilities accompanied by a service animal

Sources

The Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 *United States Code* §§ 701–796

Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) (1990, 2008), 42 *United States Code* § 12101 *et seq.*

Arizona Revised Statutes (ARS) § 11-1024 - Service animals; rights of individuals with disabilities; violation; classification; definitions

Student Accessibility and Inclusive Learning Services

Policy

Arizona State University is committed to compliance with state and federal laws regarding individuals with disabilities. Individuals with disabilities may be accompanied by their service animals on all ASU campuses where members of the public or participants in services, programs, or activities are allowed access. Additionally, individuals with disabilities are responsible for their service animal, and the university may exclude service animals under certain circumstances. For more information, see [SSM 701–08](#), “Responsibilities of Individuals with Service or Assistance Animals on Campus and Exclusions from Campus.”

See the [Student Accessibility and Inclusive Learning Services Web sites](#) for additional information about Student Accessibility and Inclusive Learning Services and their procedures.

Definition and Identification of a Service Animal

By law, a service animal means any dog that is individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability, including a physical, sensory, psychiatric, intellectual, or other mental disability. Federal law does not require that the animal wear any type of vest or badge indicating that it is a service animal, nor does the law prohibit any particular breed of dog from being a service animal.

Note: Other species of animals, whether wild or domestic, trained or untrained, are not considered service animals. However, on a case-by-case basis, the university may permit miniature horses on campus, consistent with applicable state and federal laws.

When it is not readily apparent that an animal is a service animal, the university has the right to inquire whether or not the animal is required because of a disability as well as what work or task the animal has been trained to perform.

Cross-References

For more information, see:

1. [SSM 701-07](#), “Assistance Animals in University Housing”

and
2. [SSM 701-08](#), “Responsibilities of Individuals with Service or Assistance Animals on Campus and Exclusions from Campus.”