

UW-Parkside Service Animal Policy

I. Policy Statement

It is the policy of the University of Wisconsin-Parkside that service animals assisting individuals with disabilities are generally permitted in all facilities and programs on the UW-Parkside campus except as described below.

II. Definition

"Service animal" as defined by the Coalition of Assistance Dog Organizations (CADO) and IMDP (International Association of Assistance Dog Partners), means an assistance dog, and may include other animals specifically trained to perform physical tasks to mitigate the effects of an individual's disability. Assistance dogs include guide dogs that guide individuals who are legally blind; hearing dogs that alert individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing to specific sounds; and, service dogs for individuals with disabilities other than blindness or deafness. Service dogs are trained to perform a variety of physical tasks including but not limited to pulling a wheelchair, lending balance support, picking up dropped objects or providing assistance in a medical crisis. The presence of an animal for comfort, protection or personal defense does not qualify as training to mitigate the effects of an individual's disability and therefore does not qualify said animal as a service animal.

III. When a Service Animal May be Asked to Leave or Prohibited in a UW-Parkside Facility or Program.

A service animal may be asked to leave a UW-Parkside facility or program if the animal's behavior or presence poses a direct threat to the health or safety of others. For example, a service animal that displays vicious behaviors towards people may be excluded.

Service Animals may also be excluded in areas where the presence of a service animal fundamentally alters the nature of a program or activity or is disruptive. Examples may include, but are not limited to, research labs, areas requiring protective clothing and food preparation areas (that does not include dining room areas).

In addition, animals not covered under the ADA service animal definition can be asked to leave a UW-Parkside facility or program. Questions related to the use of service animals on campus should be directed to the Disability Services Coordinator at 262-595-2610.

IV. Students

Student requests for disability accommodations, including the request to have a service animal accompany a student on campus, including classrooms and UW -Parkside

housing, are handled by the Disability Services Office, through an accommodations request and review process. Students can reach the DS Office at kirby@uwp.edu or 262-595-2372.

V. Employees

Employee requests for disability accommodations, including requests to have a service animal at work, are handled through the appropriate disability accommodation policy and procedures (academic staff, classified or faculty). Employees may contact the Human Resources Office at 262-595-2204 for more information and assistance.

VI. Visitors

Service animals accompanying individuals with disabilities are welcome in all areas of campus that are open to the public (except in situations determined to apply under section III above). Specific questions related to the use of service animals on the UW-Parkside campus by visitors can be directed to the ADA Coordinator at fujimoto@uwp.edu or 262-595-2256.

VII. Appeals and Grievances

Any student dissatisfied with a decision concerning a service animal can use the UW-Parkside Student Complaint Policy at <http://www.uwp.edu/departments/governance/admin/policy/policy51.cfm>

VIII. Campus Resources

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IX. Requirements for Service Animals

Vaccination: Service animals must be immunized against diseases common to that type of animal. All vaccinations must be current. Dogs must wear a rabies vaccination tag [Wis. Stats. 95.21(2) (f)].

Licensing: The City of Kenosha (Kenosha Code of General Ordinances Ch. 14), following state law [Wis. Stats. 174.07(1)] requires all dogs to be licensed by the time they reach 5 months of age. Service dogs receive the license at no cost [Wis. Stats. 174.055].

Leash: [Kenosha County 14.01] - The owner shall keep his dog or other domesticated animals under restraint at all times and shall not permit such dog or other domesticated animals to be at large off the premises or property of the owner unless under the control of a competent person.

Under Control: The owner/keeper of the service animal must be in full control of the animals at all times. The care and supervision of a service animal is solely the responsibility of owner/keeper.

Cleanup Rule: The owner/keeper of a service animal must make provision to clean up after the animal defecates.

Health: Animals to be housed in Residence Life must have an annual clean bill of health from a licensed veterinarian.

Service Dogs in Training: Wisconsin law allows service dogs in training to be admitted to facilities open to the public. Service dogs in training must wear a harness OR lease and special cape and the trainer must present credentials for the dog issued by a school for dog training.

X. Other Resources

U.S Department of Justice, Information about the Americans with Disabilities Act

<http://www.ada.gov/>

Kenosha County Code of General Ordinances

<http://www.kenosha.org/departments/court/ordinances/chapter14.pdf>

Guidance on Service Animals in Public Places <http://www.ada.gov/qasrvc.htm>

Service Dog Etiquette <http://www.deltasociety.org/ServiceArticlesEtiquette.htm>

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