



Service Animal Policy

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADAA), service animals are permitted in College facilities for persons with disabilities. A service animal is any guide dog, signal dog individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability, including but not limited to guiding individuals with impaired vision, alerting individuals with impaired hearing, providing minimal rescue or protection work, pulling a wheelchair or fetching dropped items. The service the animal is providing must be directly related to the functional limitation of the person's disability. Cedar Crest College complies with the ADAA in allowing use of service animals on campus and in residence halls.

A person seeking to keep a service animal in College housing must make a formal request to the Accessibility Coordinator (CUR 109). The request must be in writing and must be submitted at least 30 days in advance of the date on which the student plans to move into College housing.

Requirements of Service Animals and Their Handlers

- **Identification:** The service animal should wear a harness, identification tag or other gear that readily identifies its working status. If there is not a visible tag, university officials may ask the handler if the animal is a working animal.
- **Control:** The handler must be in full control of the service animal at all times. The care and supervision of a service animal is **solely the responsibility** of its handler.
- **Leash:** The service animal must be on a leash at all times.
- **License and Tags:** All service animals must have an owner identification tag. If the service animal is a dog, it must have current license and tags from local authorities.
- **Health:** The service animal must be in good health. Animals to be housed in campus housing must have an annual clean bill of health from a licensed veterinarian. The service animal must have current vaccinations and immunizations against diseases common to that type of animal. All service animals must wear a current rabies vaccination tag.

Upon approval of a service animal, residential building staff will be notified as appropriate.

The student's roommate(s) or suitemate(s) will be notified (if applicable) to solicit their acknowledgement of the approval and to notify them that the approved animal will be residing in shared assigned living space.

Handler Conditions for Having a Service Animal on University property

- **Clean-up Rule:** The handler must (1) always carry equipment sufficient to clean up the animal's waste whenever the animal and handler are on university property; and (2) be responsible for the proper disposal of the animal's waste and for any damage caused by the waste or its removal.
- **Disruption:** The handler of a service animal that is unruly or disruptive (e.g., barking, running around, nipping, bringing attention to itself) may be asked to remove the animal from College facilities. If the improper behavior happens repeatedly, the handler may be required to take significant steps to mitigate the behavior before bringing the animal into any College facility. Mitigation may include muzzling a barking animal, obtaining refresher training for both the animal and the partner, or other appropriate measures.

Service animals whose behavior poses a direct threat to the health or safety of others or is disruptive to the College community may be excluded, regardless of training or certification.