

Proposed Animal Policy – Rose State College

Animals are welcome at Rose State College, under the following guidelines:

1. Service Animals

Service Animals are generally allowed to accompany their handlers anywhere their handlers are permitted on campus (exceptions may exist in sterile environments and areas requiring protective equipment or clothing for access).

All service animals are the responsibility of their handlers. Service Animals must be house broken and under their handler's control (in the proximity to the handler and responsive to commands, in harness, leashed or in a carrier.) A Service Animal's behavior is considered an extension of the handler's behavior; the Service Animal will be held to the same basic standard of conduct as their handlers. If they are disruptive to College business or community behavioral expectations for educational and residential environments, handlers may be asked to correct the Service Animal's behavior or remove it from the environment.

Service Animals in Training are not recognized by federal law; therefore, handlers of Service Animals in Training at Rose State College will be recognized as Pet Owners. Please see guidance for pet owners at the end of this policy.

A. Handlers' Expectations

If a Service Animal's role is not apparent by observation you may be asked "Is that a service animal for a disability?" and "What service does it perform for you?"

B. Questions

If you have questions, would like assistance planning for a Service Animal at Rose State College, or have a concern about your treatment and access when accompanied by your Service Animal, contact the Rose State College ADA Coordinator, the Associate Vice President, Human Resources/AAO at (405) 733-7979, Administration Building, Room 104.

2. Visiting Therapy Animals

The Office of Special Services at Rose State College recognizes and embraces the value of Therapy Animals in the normal therapeutic and counseling process. Rose State College is proud to provide its faculty, staff and students regular and frequent access to a trained therapy animal. Rose State College also hosts a monthly therapy animal event which includes the opportunity for community members to attend and bring their trained therapy animals. To facilitate such events, Visiting Therapy Animals may be allowed access to specific facilities with permission from the program/office occupying the facilities. Arrangements to participate in this process can be made by contacting Dr. Joanne Stafford, the Rose State College Counselor at CounselingServices@Rose.edu or call 405-733-7373.

3. Emotional Support Animals

Emotional Support Animals are allowed only as approved in campus housing since this is permitted by the Fair Housing Authority. To establish reasonable accommodations, please contact Student Access Services at Rose State College, at StudentAccessService@rose.edu or call 405-733-7373.

The College's Emotional Support Animal policy and procedures for approval of an Emotional Support Animal are located at <https://www.rose.edu/media/9922/animals-in-housing-policy2019.pdf>.

If you have questions, would like assistance planning for an Emotional Support Animal, or have a concern about your treatment and access when accompanied by your Emotional Support Animal, contact the Rose State College Director of Housing, Ms. Alyssa Loveless at (405) 736- 0373.

4. Pets

Rose State College is an open institution of higher learning. As a community college, Rose State College welcomes all community members to enjoy the grounds and landscape provided by the College. Rose State College appreciates pet owners' responsible attentiveness to their pet with regard to leashing and clean-up.

Rose State College has a "no pets" policy in all of its buildings.

DEFINITIONS:

Person with a Disability – a person with a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities; has a record of such impairment; or is regarded as having such an impairment.

Service Animal: an animal, generally a dog, recognized by the ADA as trained to do work or perform tasks for a person with a disability.

Emotional Support Animal: An animal that is necessary to afford a person with a disability an equal opportunity to use and enjoy a dwelling when there is an identifiable relationship or nexus between the person's disability and the support the animal provides.

Service Animals in Training – a dog undergoing training by an approved trainer who is an agent of an approved organization or agency involved in the rehabilitation of persons who are disabled.

Visiting Therapy Animals: Animals in the company of their handlers that have been trained to make wellness, stress reduction or therapeutic short term visits and are made available to members of the College community on a transient basis in specific locations.

Pets: All other privately owned animals.

Handler: An individual with a disability who utilizes a Service Animal or the owner of a Visiting Therapy Animal.