

Animals on Campus Policy

Appendix A

For the purposes of this policy, disabilities are those defined as such in Section 2(1)(d.1) of the Saskatchewan Human Rights Code (hereafter called the “Code”).

For the purposes of this policy, service animals are those defined in the Saskatchewan Human Rights Commission’s Policy on Service Animals as the following-

Service animals may be trained to provide services such as guidance for a person who is blind or to retrieve small items that are not accessible by a handler with physical limitations. Persons with psychiatric, intellectual or mental disabilities also use service animals. Pursuant to this policy, the requirement for accommodation of a service animal only occurs when a person with a disability requires an animal with specialized training to assist that person with a recognized disability. The following are examples of service animals:

- A Guide Dog is a trained service dog that is used as a travel tool for persons with visual impairments, are blind or have low-vision.
- A Hearing Dog is a trained service dog which alerts a person with significant hearing loss, or who is deaf, to specific sounds such as a knock on the door.
- Assist Dog is a trained dog which assists a person who has a mobility or health impairment. Types of duties the dog may perform include: carrying, fetching, opening doors, ringing doorbells, activating elevator buttons, steadying a person while walking, helping a person up after a fall, etc.
- A SSigDog is a Social Signal Dog trained to assist a person with autism. The dog may alert the partner to distracting or repetitive movements common amongst people with autism, allowing the person to stop the movement (eg. hand flapping). Recognizing familiar persons in a crowd, steering around a mud puddle, responding to other people or social signals, are all possible roles for SSigDogs. A person with autism may have sensory problems and require the same assistance from a dog as a person who is blind or deaf.
- A Seizure Response Dog is a trained service dog that assists a person with a seizure disorder. How the dog serves the person depends on the person’s needs. The dog may stand guard over the person during a seizure, or the dog may go for help. Some dogs are trained to predict a seizure and provide a warning.
- A Psychiatric Service Animal is a trained service animal that assists a person with a psychiatric disability. A Psychiatric Service Animal provides specific services to a person

with a psychiatric disability, including, but not limited to: picking up/retrieving objects or aiding with mobility when the handler is dizzy from medication or has psychosomatic symptoms, waking the handler if the handler sleeps through alarms or cannot get out of bed, alerting and responding to episodes, reminding the handler to take medication, alerting and/or distracting the handler from repetitive and obsessive thoughts or behaviours.

For the purposes of this policy, support animals are those defined in the Saskatchewan Human Rights

Commission's Policy on Service Animals as the following -

An Emotional Support Animal is one that has been proven to be effective at alleviating symptoms of certain mental disorders. These animals provide therapeutic nurture and support to their handlers/partners. Emotional Support Animals may be prescribed by a professional or be proven retroactively where they started out as a pet but result in a person's disability improving and are therefore identified by a professional as necessary. Typically, Emotional Support Animals are for at home support but they may be required for other forms of supports by some people. Emotional Support Animals do not require specialized training.

For the purpose of this policy, therapy animals are those defined by St. John's Ambulance as "St. John Ambulance Therapy Dogs are part of a team consisting of a volunteer handler and their pet companion dog. These teams have undergone screening for suitability that includes criminal record checks, references, dog evaluations and canine vaccinations. Our members are volunteers that dedicate their personal time to bring the companionship of a dog to those that would benefit from some comfort and touch from a canine. "