

CCBS Policy Regarding the Use of Service Animals

ADA Compliance

The Department of Justice has issued revised ADA regulations which cover Title II (State and Local government services) and Title III (public accommodations and commercial facilities) on March 15, 2011. These regulations revise the definition of service animal and add additional provisions. Carolina College of Biblical Studies will comply with the ADA Service Animal Policy guidelines and definitions.

Definition

Service Animals: Dogs that are individually trained to do work or perform tasks for people with disabilities. (Source: Americans with Disabilities Act at <https://adata.org/factsheet/service-animals>)

Policy Statement

CCBS permits approved service animals (meeting the ADA definition above) on campus. The task(s) performed by the dog must be directly related to the person's disability.

Examples of such work or tasks include guiding people who are blind, alerting people who are deaf, pulling a wheelchair, alerting and protecting a person who is having a seizure, reminding a person with mental illness to take prescribe medications, calming a person with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) during an anxiety attack, or performing other duties. Service animals are working animals, not pets. Dogs whose sole function is to provide comfort or emotional support do not qualify as service animals under the ADA.

CCBS recognizes the importance of Service Animals to certain students, visitors, and employees with disabilities and has established a policy whereby they are allowed on campus.

Policy Procedures

1. Notification: Individuals planning to bring a Service Animal to CCBS buildings and events should inform the Academic Dean of their intent to bring their Service Animal on campus.
2. Responsibilities of CCBS community: Members of the CCBS community are required by the following practices:
 - a. They are to allow a Service Animal to accompany its owner at all times and in all places on campus, except where animals are specifically prohibited.
 - b. They are not to touch or pet a Service Animal unless invited to do so.
 - c. They are not to feed a Service Animal.
 - d. They are not to startle a Service Animal deliberately.
 - e. They are not to separate or to attempt to separate an owner from a Service Animal.
 - f. They are not to inquire for details about the owner's disabilities. The nature of a person's disability is a private matter protected by FERPA.
3. Guidelines for Maintaining Service Animals at CCBS
The following guidelines apply to all Service Animals and their owners unless permission to vary from the guidelines has been granted.
 - a. Care and supervision of the animal are the responsibility of the individual who benefits from the Service Animal's use. The owner is required to maintain control of the animal at all times. The Service Animal must be housebroken and the owner is responsible for ensuring the cleanup of the animal's waste.

- b. The owner must abide by current city, county, and state ordinances, laws, and/or regulations related to licensing and vaccinations.
- c. The removal of a Service Animal is allowed if the animal is out of control and the handler does not take appropriate action or if it is not housebroken.
- d. Owners of Service Animals are solely responsible for any damage to persons or CCBS property caused by their animal.
- e. The owner is required to sign the compliance agreement before bringing the Service Animal to campus.

CCBS Service Animal Compliance Agreement

Per the CCBS Service Animal Policy, this document must be signed prior to bringing a Service Animal to campus.

I agree to the **CCBS Policy Procedures** as outlined in the **CCBS Service Animal Policy**.

Owner: _____
(print name)

Owner Signature: _____

Date: _____