



Student Centers Animal Policy

The Student Centers is committed to our stated value of active inclusivity and works to reasonably accommodate persons with disabilities who require the assistance of Service Animals. The Student Centers animal policy is informed by, and in compliance with, [the policies of Student Disability Services](#).

Service Animals are allowed in all Student Centers locations that are accessible to students. However, pets or other animals are not allowed in any Student Centers location [unless prior approval is secured](#).

A Service Animal is an animal, ordinarily a dog, that is individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability. These tasks may include but are not limited to, guiding individuals with impaired vision, alerting individuals who are hearing impaired to intruders or sound, pulling a wheelchair, carrying and/or retrieving dropped items, etc. Service Animals are not required to wear a vest, ID tag, or specific harness. In situations where it is not obvious that a dog is a Service Animal, a member of the Student Centers staff may ask the following two qualifying questions:

1. Is this animal a Service Animal required because of a disability?
2. What work or task has the animal been trained to perform?

A Service Animal in a Student Centers building must be harnessed, leashed, or tethered, unless these devices interfere with the Service Animal's work or the individual's disability prevents using these devices. In all cases, Service Animals must be accompanied by their handler and responsive to commands. Service Animals must be vaccinated and licensed as required by state law or local ordinance.

A person with a disability may be asked to remove their Service Animal from the premises if by a Student Centers staff member if:

- The animal is not housebroken.
- The animal is out of control and the handler does not take effective action to control it. Examples include: persistent barking, jumping, or running away.
- The animal poses a direct threat to the health or safety of others. A direct threat does not exist if the Service Animal's handler takes prompt, effective action to control the animal.

Although registering with the University of Chicago is optional, if students wish to register a Service Animal, or have questions about the Student Disability Services Animal Policy, please contact Student Disability Services at disabilities@uchicago.edu.

For all other questions please contact the Student Centers at studentcenters-operations@lists.uchicago.edu.