

Policy Title:	Assistance (Service and Support) Animals
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Governing Body:	Office of Civil Rights (Federal Department of Education); United States Department of Housing and Urban Development; Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industries; Department of Justice	Policy Number:	FAD.079
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service animal must be kept under control by voice, signals, or other effective means.

SOU assesses requests for use of miniature horses by people with disabilities on a case-by-

1. Whether the animal poses or has posed in the past a direct threat to the individual or others;
2. Whether the animal causes or has caused excessive damage to housing beyond reasonable wear and tear;
3. Whether the size of the animal is too large for available assigned housing space;
4. Whether the animal is too young to have completed its full course of vaccinations, housebreaking training, and growth (to determine whether animal meets reasonable size expectations);
5. Whether the animal's presence would force another individual from individual housing (e.g., serious allergies);
6. Whether the animal's presence otherwise violates individuals' right to peace and quiet enjoyment; and
7. Whether the animal is housebroken or is unable to live with others in a reasonable manner.

The individual must provide written consent for Disability Resources to disclose information regarding the request for and presence of the assistance animal to those individuals who may be impacted by the presence of the animal including, but not limited to, University Housing staff and potential and/or actual roommate(s)/suite(s)/neighbor(s). Such information will be limited to information related to the animal and shall not include information related to the individual's disability. SOU reserves the right to assign an individual with an assistance animal to a single room without a roommate upon availability.

SECTION 5: GUIDE AND HEARING TRAINEES

Oregon law allows animals that are being trained to be dog guides for the blind, hearing assistance dogs, or assistance animals for persons with physical impairments to access SOU facilities. Animals in training in housing are subject to the same provisions under this policy as any other assistance animal.

SECTION 6: RESPONSIBILITIES OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES USING ASSISTANCE ANIMALS

SOU is not responsible for the care or supervision of assistance animals. The owner is responsible for the cost, care, and supervision of assistance animals, including:

1. Compliance with any laws pertaining to animal licensing, vaccination, and owner identification;
2. Keeping the animal under control and taking effective action when it is out of control; and
3. Feeding and exercising the animal, and disposing of its waste.

For specific campus areas designated by SOU for toileting assistance animals, contact Disability Resources. Waste may not be disposed of in university plumbing. Disability Resources or University Housing can provide guidance on where to appropriately dispose of animal waste.

Owners are required to ensure the animal is well cared for at all times. Any evidence of mistreatment, abuse, neglect, or leaving the assistance animal unattended for unreasonably long periods of time may result in immediate removal of the assistance animal and/or discipline for the responsible individual pursuant to the University Student Code of Conduct and/or any housing-related sanctions within University Housing policies. Assistance animals may not be left overnight in

SOU does not require any deposits or fees for assistance animals. However, owners may be charged for actual damage caused by an assistance animal to the same extent that SOU would normally charge a person for the damage they cause.

Owners must comply with the same university rules regarding noise, safety, disruption and cleanliness as people without disabilities.

An assistance animal in university housing is allowed only as long as it is necessary because of the owner's disability. The owner must notify Disability Resources in writing if the assistance animal is no longer needed or is no longer in

abide by the following practices:

1. Allow assistance animals to accompany people with disabilities on campus;
2. Do not ask for details about a person's disabilities;
3. Do not pet an assistance animal, as it distracts the animal from its work;
4. Do not feed an assistance animal;
5. Do not deliberately startle, tease, or taunt an assistance animal; and
6. Do not separate or attempt to separate a person from their assistance animal except as noted in Section 7 above.

Persons with disabilities who may be affected by the presence of animals should contact Disability Resources. SOU is committed to ensuring that the needs of all people with disabilities are met and determines how to resolve any conflicts or problems as expeditiously as possible.

SECTION 9: GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

non-discrimination applies to this policy. Grievance procedures are outlined in that policy.

Students with concerns about potential discrimination may also contact the United States Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights, 915 Second Avenue, Room 3310, Seattle, WA 98174-1099; the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development by phone at (800) 877-0246 or on the web at <http://www.hud.gov/complaints/> (click on "Housing Discrimination"); or the United States Department of Justice, Disability Rights Section by email at ADA.complaint@usdoj.gov or on the web at <http://www.ada.gov>.

This policy may be revised at any time without notice. All revisions supersede prior policy and are effective immediately upon approval.

D. Policy Consultation

SOU President's office, Student Support and Intervention, Disability Resources, University Housing, Human Resources, the Student Health and Wellness Center and Policy Council. Any known current students utilizing assistance animals should be notified in the event of updates or revisions to this policy. Policy was posted on February 7, 2018 for community comment.

E. Other Information

The Policy Contact, defined above, will write and maintain the procedures related to this policy and these procedures will be made available within the Custodial Office.