



Service Animals on Campus

Service dog handlers are required by law, local ordinance, and custom to abide by certain guidelines that are for the benefit of the public. This policy applies to any service animal whose user or handler is participating in the College's programs or activities or who is on the college's campus (Levelland, Plainview, Reese or ATC).

The ADA requires the animal to be under the control of the handler. This can occur using a harness, leash, or other tether. It is suggested that the service animal also wear identification (e.g. identification tags, vest, bandana, etc.). This identification can assist other in knowing not to pet or play with the animal.

The handler is responsible for the care and supervision of his or her service animal. If a service animal behaves in an unacceptable way and the person with a disability does not control the animal, South Plains College may ask you to remove the animal. Uncontrolled barking, jumping on other people, aggression or running away from the handler are examples of unacceptable behavior for a service animal. South Plains College has the right to deny access to a service animal that is disruptive.

The ADA does not require South Plains College to provide for the care of a service animal, including cleaning up after the animal. The service animal must be housebroken. The service animal's handler is responsible for repairing or replacing any property that may accidentally be damaged by a service animal.

The service animal must be vaccinated and licensed according to local or county ordinances.