

Rock Valley College

RVC Board Policy 3:10.270

Service and Other Animals Policy

Rock Valley College recognizes the importance of allowing people with disabilities who require the use of service animals to receive the benefit of the work or tasks provided by such animals while on campus. As such, it is the College's policy to ensure that all individuals with disabilities who require the assistance of a service animal have an equal opportunity to access College property, courses, programs, and activities. The College Administration shall establish Procedures implementing this Policy.

Except as set forth in the Procedures implementing this Policy, service animals will be permitted to accompany individuals with disabilities in all public areas of the College. For purposes of this Policy, "service animal" is defined as a dog that is individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability. The work or tasks performed by the service animal must be directly related to the individual's disability. Miniature horses may also be permitted on campus in certain circumstances where they have been individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability.

Animals that do not satisfy the above criteria are prohibited from Rock Valley College owned and operated buildings and grounds, except with prior authorization by Chief Operating Officer or designee.

In implementing this Policy, Rock Valley College complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), the Americans with Disabilities Amendments Act of 2008 (ADAAA), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Service Animal Access Act/White Cane Law, and all other federal and State laws pertaining to service animals and/or accommodations for individuals with disabilities.

Reference: Board Report 7788

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