

SERVICE ANIMAL POLICY - VET TECH PROGRAM

The Midwest Institute Service Animal Policy sets out specific guidelines for use of service animals by students enrolled in the Veterinary Technician program.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this document is to provide the Veterinary Technician student with guidelines for the registration and use of service animals within the school building and while attending classes on campus. This policy does not define the use of service animals by students on course related field placements or off campus locations. Service animal use by students related to off campus course activities is determined by the off campus institution. It is the student's responsibility to be fully aware of on and off campus location policies.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS OF SERVICE ANIMAL

A Service Animal must be neutered, in good health and have undergone a veterinary wellness exam within the last 12 months.

The student must annually provide to the Program Director:

- Proof of current vaccination status (including Rabies).
- Proof of regular internal and external parasite control (including fleas, roundworms and hookworms)
- Management plan for the care of the Service Animal

Note that Service Animals that are ill or in poor health should not be taken on campus or into public areas. A student with an ill Service Animal may be required to remove the animal from school property and requested to seek veterinary care.

MANAGEMENT OF SERVICE ANIMAL

- Service Animals must be accompanied at all times by the student.
- The student must remain in close proximity to the Service Animal; unless the student is occupied in lab, husbandry or other assigned activities/duties where service animal use/access is restricted.
- The Service Animal should be responsive to voice commands at all times, and be under the full control of the student.
- Service Animals must be fully housetrained.
- The Service Animal must be restrained on a leash or harness at all times; unless the animal is confined to a kennel.
- The Service Animal student must provide a rigid well ventilated crate for kenneling purposes within the school building. The crate size must allow for the Service Animal to comfortably stand, turnaround and sleep. The crate will be used to house the Service Animal while the student is attending labs or other assigned activities within school building.
- The Service Animal must be tolerant of and quietly occupy the designated crate for a maximum of 4 hour periods while the student is in lab activities.
- The Service Animal should not be disruptive to other students and the learning environment. This includes interaction with the instructor or students, disturbing the personal belongings

of others, engaging in personal grooming in public settings, blocking an aisle or passageway for fire and/or emergency exit, excessive noise or movement.

- Barking, growling, biting or aggressive behavior will not be tolerated.
- The Service Animal is not permitted to come in contact or interact with resident animals within the school or on the surrounding grounds.
- The student is responsible for providing water, food and timely bathroom and exercise breaks for the Service Animal each day. These care activities must be accomplished outside of instructional time and described in the management plan for the Service Animal.

A Service Animal which poses a direct threat to the health and safety of others or fails to abide by the above stated management points will result in the Service Animal being asked to leave the campus.

The Service Animal student may request that a designated student classmate be assigned to act as a care assistant for the Service Animal.

MAINTENANCE

It is the responsibility of the student to ensure that the Service Animal is kept clean, well-groomed and odor free. The student must arrange for any cleaning necessary due to the presence of the Service Animal. Feces must be cleaned immediately and disposed of properly. This includes within the Building, School common areas and exterior property such as courtyards, walkways, grounds etc.

BUILDING ACCESS FOR SERVICE ANIMALS

A Service Animal is permitted to accompany the student within school building except for following restricted area/location:

- Surgery room

REQUESTING PERMISSION TO HAVE A SERVICE ANIMAL IN THE SCHOOL BUILDING

1. The student must notify the Program Director of their plans to bring a Service Animal to campus in advance of the beginning of their program.
2. The student must provide a detailed management care plan for the Service Animal to the Program Director.