

Southwestern Oregon Community College

BP 3440 Service/Assistance Animals and Other Animals on Campus

Purpose:

To establish guidelines for service/assistance and other animals on campus.

Statement:

To prevent discrimination on the basis of disability, Southwestern Oregon Community College will allow an individual with a disability to use a service/assistance animal in the College's facilities and on the College's property in compliance with state and federal law.

Domestic animals and pets are not permitted in classrooms or other college buildings (unless certified or in training to be certified to assist individuals with disabilities). Persons who bring animals on campus pursuant to this procedure will be responsible for ensuring the animal or pet remains on a leash at all times and under the control of the person, for removing any animal waste, and shall not leave the animal confined to a car or attached to a tree, pole, building, sign, or other objects on college property.

The disposition of unsupervised animals will be determined on a case-by-case basis by Campus Security. This could include but is not limited to the breaking of vehicle windows, calling animal control, or any additional actions needed to resolve the situation.

Other animals such as emotional support animals (ESA) and companion animals may be permitted in student housing (leased or owned), only when confined to the living space, or on a leash of six feet or less, and kept under the physical control of the individual at all times. The owner/handler is responsible for the animal's behavior, containment, and removal of the animal's waste while on College property. The President or designee is responsible for establishing appropriate policies and procedures for animals on campus.

For information regarding Service/Assistance Animals and Other Animals on Campus at Southwestern please see Administrative Procedure 3440 Service/Assistance Animals and Other Animals on Campus.

References:

The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 -- 42 United States Code Sections 12101 et seq.;
28 Code of Federal Regulations Part 35;
28 Code of Federal Regulations Part 36;
34 Code of Federal Regulations Part 104.44(b)
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