

### **Policy Statement**

Animals are not allowed in campus facilities except service animals for independence, and animals for use in classroom instruction.

### **Reason for Policy**

This policy has been designed to ensure a safe environment in Finger Lakes Community College facilities.

### **Applicability of the Policy**

All members of the campus community should be familiar with this policy.

### **Definitions**

Service Animal is defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) as dogs\* that are individually trained to do work or perform tasks for people with disabilities. Examples of such work or tasks include guiding people who are blind, alerting people who are deaf, pulling a wheelchair, alerting or protecting a person who is having a seizure, reminding a person with mental illness to take prescribed medications, calming a person with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) during an anxiety attack, or performing other duties. Services Animals are working animals, not pets. The work or task a dog has been trained to provide must be directly related to the person's disability. The crime deterrent effects of an animal's presence and provision of emotional support, well-being, comfort or companionship do not constitute work or tasks for the purpose of this definition.

\*Under particular circumstances set forth in the ADA regulations at 28 OFR 35.136(i), a miniature horse may qualify as a service animal.

Handler is defined as a person with a disability that a service animal assists or a personal care attendant who handles the animal for the person with a disability.

### **Related Documents**

- FLCC Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) policy
- Services to Students with Disabilities policy
- Americans with Disability Act (ADA)

### **Forms/Online Processes**

- Service Dog In-Training Premises Interactive Process

### **Appendix**

- None

### **Review date/action taken:**

- September 2011: original approval date
- September 2012: revisions to policy
- April 2019: revisions to policy