



# SERVICE ANIMALS AT SAN JUAN COLLEGE

## Definition of Service Animal

Under federal law, Service Animal means “any dog that is individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability, including a physical, sensory, psychiatric, intellectual, or other mental disability. Other species of animals, whether wild or domestic, trained or untrained, are not service animals for the purpose of this definition. The work or tasks performed by a Service Animal must be directly related to the individual’s disability.” See 38 C.F.R. § 35.104. Examples of work or tasks include, but are not limited to, assisting individuals who are blind or have low vision with navigation and other tasks, alerting individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing to the presence of people or sounds, providing non-violent protection or rescue work, pulling a wheelchair, assisting an individual during a seizure, alerting individuals to the presence of allergens, retrieving items such as medicine or the telephone, providing physical support and assistance with balance and stability to individuals with mobility disabilities, and helping persons with psychiatric and neurological disabilities by preventing or interrupting impulsive or destructive behaviors

It should be noted that the only other animal that can be a recognized service animal is trained miniature horse. Also, the provision of emotional support, well-being, comfort, or companionship do not constitute work and do not qualify a dog as a Service Animal.

Under New Mexico state law, a qualified Service Dog or qualified Service Miniature Horse means “a dog or miniature horse that has been trained or is being trained to provide assistance  
-11-2(b) and  
(c) NMSA (1978).

## San Juan College Protocol

San Juan College is to meet the requirements of state and federal law regarding accommodations for Service Animals and it supports the use of Service Animals on campus. Service Dogs will not be excluded from San Juan College or San Juan College activities. San Juan College shall make all reasonable accommodations to individuals with disabilities unless such accommodation would fundamentally alter the nature of the services provided by the College.

## Obligations of Service Dog Owners

1. Under federal law, San Juan College will request a Service Animal to remove their animal:



- a. If the Service Animal is out of control and the animal's handler ~~do~~ take effective action to control it; or
- b. The animal's

