

Service Animals

Service animals are welcome at Tri-C and are subject to local and state laws and ordinances to the extent that those laws and ordinances do not conflict with the American with Disabilities Act (ADA). The service animal must be under the care and control of its handler at all times. Handlers are responsible for any damage or injuries caused by their service animals and must take appropriate precautions to prevent property damage or injury.

Under the ADA, service animals must be harnessed, leashed or tethered, unless these devices interfere with the animal's work or the individual's disability prevents them from using these devices. In this case, the owner/handler must control the animal through voice, signal or other effective controls.

A service animal is present because it is needed to perform a functional task to assist its owner; therefore, it is considered to be "on duty" at all times when on campus and should demonstrate controlled behaviors (quiet, calm, non-distracting, remaining with handler at all times). Please note that some service dogs are trained to alert their handlers and may be trained to bark to do so.

Visit tri-c.edu/sas for the most current service animal statement, including a list of behaviors that indicate a service animal may not be under the care and control of its handler.