

**Kishwaukee College understands the benefits a service animal can provide for people with disabilities. It is the College's policy to ensure all students with disabilities have an equal opportunity to participate in all programs, services, and activities on campus.**

**In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act as amended in 2008 and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Kishwaukee College has provided the following guidelines relative to having a service animal on campus.**

**A service animal (no certification required) is defined as a dog or miniature horse that is individually trained to do work or perform a task for the benefit of a person with a disability, including a physical, sensory, psychiatric, intellectual, or other mental disability. The task it is trained to do must be directly related to the person's disability. Illinois Statute defines a service animal in training as a service animal.**

**Emotional support/comfort animals (prescription required) or therapy dogs (training and certification required) are not considered service animals under Title II or Title III of the ADA and are generally not permitted on campus. Students who wish to request to have a non-service animal on campus must meet with the Director of Disability and Testing Services prior to bringing an animal on campus. Please call 815.825.2981 to schedule an appointment.**

**Service animals may have access to any public space on campus where the handler is allowed to go. A service animal may be restricted from certain areas of the College if it presents a safety concern for others.**

**College personnel should give a service animal and its handler access to activities, events, and campus property. In the event it is not apparent that the service animal is trained to perform a task(s) for its handler, personnel may only ask the following questions of the handler:**

- 1. Is the animal required because of a disability?**
- 2. What work or task(s) is this animal trained to perform?**

**Please remember that a service animal is a working animal. Please refrain from feeding, petting, or distracting a service animal. The service animal should not be separated from its handler.**

**Animal must be in handler's control at all times**

**Animal must be leashed, tethered, or harnessed at all times. If the use of a leash**