

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 the 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 using these devices. The owner/handler must then, in this case, 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 it is on campus and should be demonstrating controlled behaviors (quiet, calm, non-distracting, remaining with handler at all times, etc.). Please note, some service dogs are trained to alert their handlers and may be trained to bark in order to do so.

Behaviors that indicate a service animal may not be under the care and control of its handler include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Uncontrolled barking, whining, growling or making other distracting noises
- Uncontrolled jumping on, nudging, lunging at, sniffing or licking other people
- Regularly escaping the handler or overpowering them
- Destroying College property or the property of others on campus
- Urination or defecation indoors
- Behaviors that pose a direct threat to the health or safety of others

Please contact Student Accessibility Service with any questions or concerns regarding service animals.