SUMMARY:

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I. Policy Statement

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II. Definition

“Service animal” is defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) as any guide dog, signal dog, or other animal individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability, including, but not limited to, guiding individuals with impaired vision, alerting individuals with impaired hearing to intruders or sounds, providing minimal protection or rescue work, pulling a wheelchair, or fetching dropped items.

III. When a Service Animal may be Asked to Leave or Prohibited in a Coastal Carolina University or Program

A service animal may be asked to leave a CCU facility or program due to the animal’s behavior or its presence poses a direct threat to the health or safety of others. For example, a service animal that displays vicious behavior towards people may be excluded.
Service animals may also be excluded in areas where the presence of a service animal fundamentally alters the nature of a program or activity or is disruptive. Examples may include, but are not limited to, research labs, areas requiring protective clothing, food preparation areas.

In addition, animals not covered under the ADA service animal definition can be asked to leave a CCU facility or program. Questions related to the use of service animals on campus should be directed to the Disability Coordinator in the Disabilities Services office.

IV. Pets or “comfort animals” do not meet the definition of a service animal since they are not trained to do specific tasks for individuals with a disability as defined by the ADA. Pets or “comfort animals” are not allowed in any campus buildings under this policy.

V. Students

Student requests for disability accommodations are determined by the Disability Services office, through an accommodation request and review process. The office will require a current immunization record be kept on file in the office. Students should contact the Disability Services office.

VI. Visitors

Service animals accompanying individuals with disabilities are welcome in all areas of campus that are open to the public (except in situations determined to apply under section III above). Specific questions related to the use of service animals on the CCU campus by visitors can be directed to the Disability Coordinator in the Disabilities Services office.

VII. Appeals and Grievances

Any person dissatisfied with a decision concerning a service animal can contact the Disabilities Services office.

VIII. Requirements for Service Animals

Vaccination: Service animals must be immunized against diseases common to that type of animal. All vaccinations must be current and a copy of the vaccination records must be on file in the Disabilities Services office.

Housing: The student will be responsible for any and all damage that a service animal inflicts upon on-campus dwelling. This is to include any exterminator services that may be needed.