

Carlsbad Public Library

Animal Policy

The Carlsbad Public Library recognizes legal rights under federal and state laws regarding use of service dogs. The Library also considers the safety and health of all its patrons, the public, and employees to be of utmost priority.

A. Animals

1. No pets or animals other than service dogs or miniature horse that is trained or is in training to do work or perform tasks that benefit an individual with disability, including a physical, sensory, psychiatric, intellectual, or other mental disability. In other words, the animal must be trained to perform specific tasks. Emotional support animals are not covered by the Americans with Disabilities Act.
2. Service animals shall be under the control of its handler. Harness, leash or other tether should be used unless it interferes in the work or tasks the animal needs to perform. Otherwise voice, signals or other effective means shall be used to ensure control of the animal.

B. Questioning

1. Staff may ask what work or task has the animal been trained to perform?
2. Staff will not question if an animal is a service animal or ask for papers or documentation be provided.

C. Behaviors

1. Service animals must follow these behaviors or quickly comply or they will be asked to leave the library.
2. No barking unless it is part of the service animals work task.
3. Urinating or Defecating
4. Running away or otherwise leaving the side of the owner/handler.
5. Biting or other threatening actions such as growling, teeth bared, lunging at others.
6. Damaging property of the library or others.

D. Library Offerings

1. The library may have animals in the building as part of its educational and recreational offerings.

E. Animal Endangerment

1. The library does not condone leaving animals outside the library in a way that may endanger the animal or Library patrons.

2. The library also reserves the right to enforce and or CTW patrons who endanger animals, in accordance with the Library's patron code of conduct.

F. Questions or Exception Requests

1. Questions about this or any library policy may be addressed to the Library Director during regular business hours. Exception requests to library policies may be made to the Library Board of Trustees at any regular scheduled meeting.