

University Libraries Animals in the Libraries

The University Libraries is dedicated to providing a safe, professional, and accessible environment for all students, faculty, staff, and guests. The Libraries prohibits non-service animals in the facilities under its purview:

- Carlson Library
- Mulford Health Science Library, fourth, fifth, and sixth floors, excluding the Academic Enrichment Center offices.

In the Carlson Library, the Learning Enhancement Center, the Writing Center, and TRIO offices have agreed to be covered by this document.

Service dogs and **service dogs in training** are welcome in all University Libraries. A service dog has been individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability, including a physical, sensory, psychiatric, intellectual, or other mental disability.

While in any of the Libraries, a service dog or service dog in training must be on lead and under the control of their handler at all times. The dog's behavior must not damage or disrupt the library environment.

Anyone bringing a service dog into a library may be asked, "What work or task is this animal trained to perform relevant to the disability?" Library staff members may ask handlers for verification of the training agency with which the dogs are affiliated. If an agency is bringing a group of service dogs in training, a representative to the agency should stop at the circulation or service desk to let the library staff know they are there.

Comfort and therapy dogs are only permitted in the University Libraries by invitation for scheduled events (such as study break visits during exam weeks). For these events, the dogs must remain in a designated room and must remain on lead, under the control of their handlers at all times. The dog's behavior must not damage or disrupt the library environment.

Other animals. No other animals, including pets and emotional support animals, are permitted in the University Libraries. "...the provision of emotional support, well-being, comfort, or companionship do not constitute work or tasks for the purposes of this definition [of service animal]."

From: Department of Justice Revised ADA Regulations Implementing Title II and Title III, Federal Register, September 15, 2010 (Volume 75, Number 178).

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