



CATALINA ISLAND CONSERVANCY

SERVICE ANIMAL POLICY

Trained service animals are welcome in most Catalina Island Conservancy buildings, property and attractions. Service animals may be allowed into Catalina Island Conservancy employee housing with the tenant's permission.

In accordance with Titles II & III of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) service animals are defined as dogs that are individually trained to do work or perform tasks for people with disabilities. Examples of such work or tasks include guiding people who are blind, alerting people who are deaf, pulling a wheelchair, alerting and protecting a person who is having a seizure, reminding a person with mental illness to take prescribed medications, calming a person with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder during an anxiety attack, or performing other duties. Service animals are working animals, not pets. The work or task a dog has been trained to provide must be directly related to the person's disability.

Staff or visitors who use service animals must retain control of their animals at all times and must keep them on a leash or harness while on Catalina Island Conservancy property, except in those situations where a leash or harness would prevent the animal from carrying out its duties as a service animal.

Service animals must not disturb wildlife.

Service animals must not be excessively noisy, except in those situations where the animal is performing its duties as a service animal, such as alerting its owner to an impending seizure, etc.

Excrement and other wastes must be disposed of in an appropriate waste receptacle by the animal's owner or companion. This includes wastes made in the Wrigley Memorial and Botanic Garden, and the Island's interior.

Service animals traveling in Catalina Island Company vehicles must fit on the owner's lap or at their feet, and may not impede other passenger's ability to enter or exit the vehicle. If an owner wishes to guarantee a seat for their service animal in a Catalina Island Company commercial vehicle they must do so at the full, published rate. Service animals may occupy a seat in a commercial vehicle at no charge only if that seat is unoccupied by another customer. Service animals traveling in Catalina Island Conservancy vehicles must be kept on leash or under control at all times. Animals

traveling in our Jeep® Eco Tour vehicles may be asked to sign a waiver accepting full responsibility for the safety of their animal.

Catalina Island Conservancy staff or representatives may ask you to remove your service animal from our property if:

1. The animal is out of control and you do not take effective action to control it (for example, a dog causes a significant disturbance by barking repeatedly and uncontrollably or is not housebroken), or
2. The animal poses a direct threat to the health or safety of others.

Under titles II & III of the ADA, the following animals do not meet the legal definition as service animals:

- Animals whose sole function is to provide comfort or emotional support without demonstrating a specific skill or service as defined by the ADA:
www.ada.gov/service_animals_2010.htm
- Service dogs in training
- Work animals, including:
 - Police dogs
 - Search & Rescue dogs and horses
 - Other trained or skilled animals (such as herd dogs, etc.)
- Pets or other animals with no discernable skills or training

Please contact the Catalina Island Conservancy regarding access for animals falling into the above listed categories.