



## Service Animal Policy Statement

It is the policy of Sholom Park to permit members of the public who require the need of a service animal to be onsite. It is also the policy of Sholom Park to permit members of the public who are specially trained service dog trainers, while engaged in the actual training process and activities of service dogs, the same rights, privileges and responsibilities as other members of the public.

## Service Animal Definition

What is a "Service animal?"

Service animals are defined by the ADA as "animals that are individually trained to do work or perform a task for people with disabilities."

Service animals are working animals, not pets. Their function or training is to be directly related to their owner's disability.

- An animal that has been determined necessary to mitigate the effects of a physical or mental disability by a physician.
- An animal that has been individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a physical or mental disability, including, but not limited to, guiding individuals with impaired vision, alerting individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing, pulling a wheelchair or fetching dropped items.

**Dogs or animals whose sole function is to provide comfort or emotional support do not qualify as service animals under the ADA as there is no specific animal training linked to the owner's specific disability.**

## Standards Applicable to Service Animals

All service animals are expected to meet the following standards:

- The health and care of the animal is the sole responsibility of the guest;
- The animal must be within the responsible guest's control at all times, either by means of a leash, harness or tether;
- The animal must behave in a non-aggressive manner at all times (e.g. no jumping, growling, snarling, biting or snapping);
- The animal must not be disruptive in the Park (e.g. barking, whining or destruction of property).

**Failure to meet any of the above standards may result in the temporary or permanent removal from Sholom Park. Please contact the manager on duty should this situation arise.**