WILSON COLLEGE

<u>Service Animal Guidelines</u>

Wilson College is committed to compliance with state and federal laws regarding individuals with disabilities. Individuals with disabilities may be accompanied by their service animals on the Wilson College campus where members of the public or participants in services, programs, or activities are allowed to go. By law, a service animal means any dog that is individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability, including physical, sensory, psychiatric, intellectual, or other mental disabilities. Other species of animals, whether wild or domestic, trained or untrained, are not service animals. In some cases, the college may permit miniature horses on campus on a case-by-case basis, consistent with applicable law.

Where it is not readily apparent that the animal is a service animal, the college may ask if the animal is required because of a disability, as well as what work or task the animal has been trained to perform.

A service animal will be allowed to accompany the partner/handler at all times and anywhere on campus, including food service locations, that the partner/handler is permitted to go. Exceptions may be made in areas where, for health and safety reasons, services animals are specifically prohibited. At Wilson College, such areas may include:
- Science Center laboratories (excluding computer labs)
- Surgical suites in the VMT Center
- Equestrian Center barns, etc.
- Large animal pens and paddocks

If a service animal is specifically prohibited from any of these areas, the individual/handler may request separate, reasonable accommodations from the Accessibility Services Coordinator.

Responsibilities of Individuals with Service Animals:

- The college is not responsible for the care or supervision of a service animal. Individuals with disabilities are responsible for the control of their service animal at all times and must comply with all applicable laws and regulations, including vaccination, licensure, animal health, and leash laws. A service animal shall be restrained with a harness, leash, or other tether, unless an individual's disability precludes the use of a restraint or if the restraint would interfere with the service animal's safe, effective performance of work or tasks. If a service animal is not tethered, it must be otherwise under the individual's control, whether by voice control, signals, or other effective means.

- Individuals are responsible for ensuring the immediate clean up and proper disposal of all animal waste. Although the college may not charge an individual with a surcharge, it may impose charges for damages caused by a service animal in the same manner the college imposes charges for damages caused by pets.

- The college may exclude a service animal from campus if its behavior poses a direct threat to the health or safety of others.

- Furthermore, the university may ask an individual with a disability to remove a service animal from campus if the animal is out of control, is not house broken, is a disruption to class or when its presence fundamentally alters the nature of the program or activity.

Service Animals in Residence in College Housing:
- An individual that is planning to have their service animal in college housing, is expected to provide sufficient notice to the Accessibility Services Coordinator so that appropriate arrangements regarding placement, roommates, etc. can be made.

- Individuals are financially responsible for any and all damages caused by their service animal. Damages may include but are not limited to bodily injury, property damage (including furniture, flooring, urine and feces stains or ordors, etc.), cleaning beyond what is normally required, and any repairs that are deemed necessary after the handler and service animal have vacated the residence hall.

Requests, concerns, and questions regarding service animals should be directed to:

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