

KENNEBEC VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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**ANIMALS ON CAMPUS**

Pets are not to be brought to any KVCC campus. This policy ensures safety, avoiding unintended injury and claims against the College and pet owners. Exceptions will be made for medical reasons of disability or impairment that require an animal for assistance (seeing eye dogs and the like). These service animals must be kept on a leash and documentation must be provided in a timely manner to the Dean of Students.

The American's with Disabilities Act (ADA, Title III, 28 CFR, section 36, 104), defines a service animal as any animal that is individually trained to help a person with a disability. By law, a service animal is not considered a pet. Most service animals are dogs; they can be any breed or size, and are not legally required to wear special equipment or tags. Service animals can provide mobility assistance, hearing, guide, seizure alert, emotional support and other work needed by the person because of a documented disability.

The person who is accompanied by the service animal is responsible for its stewardship (behavior, care and well-being), must obey animal welfare laws (such as leash, cruelty or other similar regulations), and is liable for any damage done by the service animal.