

# Chula Vista Elite Athlete Training Center

## Service Animal & Emotional Support Animal Policy

### I. Definitions

**Service Animals (SA)** as defined by the ADA, are allowed on the Chula Vista Elite Athlete Training Center (CVEATC) complex, including residences when they are serving an individual with a disability. Under the ADA, State and local governments, businesses, and nonprofit organizations that serve the public generally must allow Service Animals to accompany people with disabilities in all areas of the facility where the public is normally allowed to go. Owners of a SA must have verification of the SA's health from a licensed veterinarian and/or service animal school.

**Emotional Support Animals (ESA)**, comfort animals, and therapy dogs are not Service Animals under Title II and Title III of the ADA. ESAs may be permitted on the CVEATC complex as a reasonable accommodation, which will be determined on a case-by-case basis consistent with the law. When the disability or need for an ESA is not obvious, CVEATC may require appropriate documentation of the disability and the disability-related need for a support animal.

Generally, ESAs are not permitted in the following campus buildings, although exceptions may be made on a case-by-case basis to the extent the presence of an ESA in these locations is part of a reasonable accommodation:

- Dining Hall
- Strength & Conditioning

### II. Process for Requesting SA or ESA in Housing

**Service Animals.** For housing requests to be processed for those with **Service Animals**, owners must provide CVEATC description of the disability related tasks which the Service Animal performs. 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 a physical, sensory, psychiatric, intellectual, or other mental disability. Examples of animals that fit the ADA's definition of "Service Animal" because they have been specifically trained to perform a task for the person with a disability:

1. Guide Dog or Seeing Eye® Dog – trained as travel tool for visually impaired
2. Hearing or Signal Dog – trained to alert hearing impaired when a sound occurs (i.e. knock on the door)
3. Psychiatric Service Dog – trained to perform tasks that assist individuals with disabilities to detect the onset of psychiatric episodes and lessen their effects
4. SSigDOG (Sensory/Social Signal Dog) – trained to assist a person with autism
5. Seizure Response Dog – trained to assist a person with a seizure disorder

**Emotional Support Animals.** For housing requests to be processed for those with **Emotional Support Animals**, CVEATC may require appropriate documentation of the disability and the disability-related need for a support animal.

### **III. Rules and Behavioral Expectations**

*CVEATC provides shared and individual housing and training facilities for elite athletes on a temporary, non-permanent basis while training in various Olympic, Paralympic and other elite sports programs. Because of the shared, temporary nature of the housing, all animals present at the facility must comply with the following expectations. **Individuals using an SA or ESA are responsible for their animal at all times, including the following:***

- Maintaining cleanliness at all times, including the sanitary disposal of animal waste. All SAs and ESAs must be appropriately housebroken.  
(Note: no pee pads, porch potties, litter boxes or other indoor pet waste receptacles allowed in guest rooms)
- Any property damage caused by the SA or ESA.
- The behavior of the SA or ESA in private and public places.
- Due care and diligence in use of the SA or ESA on the CVEATC campus.
- Animal is not to cause a direct threat to health or safety of others or cause physical damage to the property of others. Animals are expected to possess a stable, even temperament without anxiety, reactivity or aggression, including excessive whining, barking or other disruptive behaviors.
- All animals must be harnessed, leashed, or tethered, unless these devices interfere with an animal's work or the individual's disability prevents using these devices. In that case, the individual must maintain control of the animal through voice, signal, or other effective controls.
- SAs and ESA may not be left unsupervised or unattended in the residential facility for any extended period of time, including but not limited to overnight. Any resident who will be away from the facility for overnight travel must arrange for off-site supervision or boarding.
- Both SAs and ESAs must be immunized in accordance with state health and safety codes.
- CVEATC Staff will not provide care or food for a SA or ESA, which the owner must be responsible for at all times.
- If the animal is aggressive toward and poses a direct threat to the health and safety of others or the property of others, then **CVEATC may require that the animal be removed from the premises.**

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Service & Emotional Support Animal Information**

I have read and understand and agree to abide by this policy:

Guest Name (Print) \_\_\_\_\_

Guest Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Guest mobile phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Person (who can take possession of the animal in case of emergency):

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home or Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Is the animal a Service Animal or Emotional Support Animal? \_\_\_\_\_

Please identify the animal's name, breed, and provide a brief description (color, size, etc.):

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Is the Service Animal or Emotional Support Animal required because of a disability?

(circle one): Yes No

For Service Animals: What work or task(s) has the animal been trained to perform?

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For Emotional Support Animals: Please describe the disability-related need for the animal:

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For CVEATC Use Only: Appropriate documentation provided?

Yes       No