

# Cobleskill Policy of Pets/Service Animals on Campus

## **Service Animals:**

The use of service animals is permitted in all areas of the campus. A service animal is defined under the Americans with Disabilities act as “*any guide dog, signal dog, or other animal individually trained to provide assistance to an individual with a disability*”. Students who will be bringing a service animal to live in a residence hall must notify the campus Coordinator of Disability Support Services before coming to campus so that appropriate accommodations can be made. Service animals living in residence halls or that will be regularly employed by an individual on campus must have an annual clean bill of health from a licensed veterinarian. The college may limit the use of service animals in certain locations where their use may compromise the integrity of a program or research.

## **Pets and other Animals:**

In consideration of personal safety and sanitation, all animals and pets, other than service animals, are strictly prohibited from the College's internal building areas including, but not limited to, classrooms, office buildings and offices, corridors, laboratories, residence halls, etc. This policy does not cover, nor is it intended to restrict, the use of animals for educational purposes in college facilities.

Animals are permitted during a temporary visit on campus grounds provided:

- They are attended to at all times
- They are leashed and under the physical control of their owners at all times.
- They remain outdoors at all times.

Owners are expected to clean up after their pets.

Fish in bowls and aquariums are permitted in office areas and in residence hall rooms. Tanks in residence halls are limited to a maximum of 20 gallons and one tank per resident. Reptiles and all other creatures are prohibited.

This policy is based on reference to New York State Codes, Rules, and Regulations, Title IX, Subtitle G, Chapter IV, Subchapter A, Part 300, Subpart 300-3.1(k) which states: “*No person shall introduce or possess any animal within a state facility, except for guide dogs used by the visually or hearing impaired and police and fire dogs under the control of their handler, without authorization from the commissioner. No person shall abandon an animal on state property.*”

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