

SERVICE ANIMAL POLICY

The Desert Botanical Garden is a living museum and committed to preventing discrimination of disabled citizens while maintaining its rights to protect a fragile environment. It is illegal to misrepresent an animal as a "Service" or "Assist" animal. The Desert Botanical Garden regards "Service Animals" to be canine, under the Code of Federal Regulation guidelines.

The United States Department of Justice defines a "Service" or "Assist" animal as having been trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of a disabled individual. This training legally exempts a Service Dog and his or her handler from the Garden's NO PETS ALLOWED policy.

A Service Animal is not a pet.

Pet dogs in purse-like carriers are not allowed inside the Garden.

Medical Alert dogs may be carried in a front-style baby pouch or other appropriate holder.



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You may be asked to remove your Service Dog from these premises if the animal is out of control or poses a direct threat to the health or safety of others.

- 1. Service Dogs must have current vaccinations.
- 2. Service Dogs must be leashed and walk beside you in the "heel" position (24 inches) at all times.
- 3. Retractable leashes are not permitted.
- 4. Dogs must remain on the trails at all times.
- 5. No inappropriate sniffing or aggressive behavior is allowed.
- 6. The Assist Animal shall not urinate or defecate inside the Garden.
- 7. Your dog must obey your commands and not be distracted by outside influences, noise, or other animals and people.
- 8. Animals are not allowed in food preparation areas such as the Globe Teaching Kitchen, or in the kitchen at the Patio Café.
- 9. The owner/handler is liable for damages caused by their animal.

NOTE: In case of a medical emergency, your Service Dog should allow a First Responder to assist you and not be overly protective. By entering the Garden with your animal, it is assumed that you take full responsibility in this regard.