

## PALOMAR COLLEGE STUDENT HEALTH CENTERS

### SERVICE ANIMAL POLICY



As Student Health Care facility, the Health Centers staff is dedicated to providing a healthy and safe environment for all who visit our clinics in San Marcos and Escondido. Staff understands that service animals may be required to accompany students to the centers for medical services.

To ensure that the health centers staff are able to maintain health and safety standards for everyone, the staff request that you abide by the following policy consistent with Palomar College BP 3440 and AP 3440.

1. Be able to answer the following questions when presenting to the health center facilities with an animal not readily apparent to perform work/tasks:

*\* Is the animal required because of a disability?*

*\* What is the specific work or task your animal has been trained to perform?*

2. The service animal must be under the student's control and on a lease or harness at all times while in the facility. If the disability prevents the use of a harness or lease, then the student must provide an alternate means of maintaining control of the service animal.

3. If a service animal is not kept under control of the student and poses a perceived threat to staff or other students, Health center staff will ask the student to remove the service animal from the health center, which may result in a delay of service for the student. An uncontrolled service animal posing a direct threat (ex. growling or other aggressive behavior) may be removed from the center by Campus Police.

4. The service animal should be housebroken (potty trained). Any "accident" or release of excretions (urine, saliva, vomit or defecation), must be cleaned up by the student whom owns the animal. The student is required to inform the Health Center staff members of the incident and staff members will provide supplies/materials to be used for the clean-up.

5. Special medical procedures and limited space in an examination room may require that the service animal not be able to stay in the room with the student. The student will be informed that this is the case when the appointment is made for the medical procedure. The student will be required to make arrangements with a friend or family member to supervise the service animal in the reception area or may be asked to reschedule the appointment to a date/time when arrangements for supervision of the service animal have been made. Health center staff will not be available to supervise the service animal.

I acknowledge receipt and understanding of this policy and have been provided a copy.

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID# \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_