

Service Animals

Any student requesting to have a service animal on campus must contact the Student Accessibility and Accommodation Services office, dosaa@sgu.edu. SAAS will assist in the approval process as students will need to carry a University permit identifying the service animal while on campus.

Service animals are defined as dogs that are individually trained to do work or perform tasks for people with disabilities. Examples of such work or tasks include guiding people who are blind, alerting people who are deaf, pulling a wheelchair, alerting and protecting a person who is having a seizure, sensing that an anxiety attack is about to happen and take a specific action to help avoid the attack for a person with PTSD, or performing other duties. Service animals are working animals, not pets. The work or task a dog has been trained to provide must be directly related to the person's disability. Dogs whose sole function is to provide comfort or emotional support do not qualify as service animals.

Emotional support animals that provide comfort just by being with a person is not a service animal because they have not been trained to perform a specific job or task. It is important to note that animals that provide comfort may be identified by various other names such as a companion animal, assistance animal, comfort animal, or therapy animal. Unlike service animals, non-service animals are strictly prohibited in campus buildings and food service/eating.

Dogs under their owner's control may use the open areas of Modica Hall and Belford Hall.

Service animals with the appropriate permit must be tethered at all times and not permitted to run loose while legally on campus.

It is the responsibility of the student entering Grenada with a service animal to comply with applicable Grenadian laws concerning registration and vaccination of the service animal.