



Rowan College of South Jersey

Policy: 9009
Title: **ANIMALS ON CAMPUS**
Area: Safety and Security
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The College recognizes the role animals can play in the lives of people and, most importantly, in the lives of disabled employees, students, and visitors. At the same time, certain animals are not suitable companions to bring on campus. Therefore, no animals, with the exception of service animals and animals being used for instructional purposes, are allowed on campus or in campus buildings during hours of instruction or normal business operations.

A service animal is defined as a dog individually trained to do work or perform tasks for an individual with a qualifying disability. The task(s) performed by the dog must be directly related to the person's disability. Service animals are considered working animals, not pets. Other species of animals are not service animals for the purpose of this policy (see 28 CFR§ 36.104).

Due to liability and safety concerns, any exception to this policy; e.g., animals being used for instructional purposes or display, must first obtain permission in writing from the Executive Vice President & Chief Operating Officer/Chief Financial Officer or designee.

The College will issue administrative procedures to detail the implementation of this policy.

References:

Rowan College of South Jersey Administrative Procedure, *9009 Animals on Campus*

Americans with Disabilities Act, (ADA) Title II and Title III, U.S. Department of Justice
Civil Rights Division, *Disability Rights Section*

New Jersey Law Against Discrimination (NJLAD) (N.J.S.A. 10:5-1 et seq.)

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