

Service Animals

The Wisconsin Statute Defines A Service Animal as Follows:

"Service animal" means a guide dog, signal dog, or other animal that is individually trained or is being trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of a person with a disability, including the work or task of guiding a person with impaired vision, alerting a person with impaired hearing to intruders or sound, providing minimal protection or rescue work, pulling a wheelchair, or fetching dropped items."

Under the federal ADA regulations:

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, reminding a person with mental illness to take prescribed medications, calming a person with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) during an anxiety attack, 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 under the ADA.

This definition does not affect or limit the broader definition of "assistance animal" under the Fair Housing Act or the broader definition of "service animal" under the Air Carrier Access Act.

Summerfest's Policy:

Summerfest gladly welcomes service animals and service animals-in-training. If you are a service animal trainer, the animal must wear a harness or leash and special cape denoting that the animal is in training and not merely a pet. If you require the use of the animal to enjoy Summerfest, we strongly encourage the use of an identifying vest, harness, cape, or leash, so other Summerfest patrons do not attempt to pet or play with your service animal. Upon arrival, Summerfest staff may ask you if the animal is a service animal required because of a disability or if the animal is being trained to be a service animal. If the animal is a service animal-in-training, please be prepared to produce certification or other credentials from a school for training animals that the animal is in training currently. Summerfest will NEVER ask for certification or other credentials of a disability. Please note that Summerfest reserves the right to remove both animal and patron if the animal jeopardizes the safety of other Summerfest patrons, staff, or volunteers. Summerfest will NEVER separate or attempt to separate you from your service animal or service animal-in-training. Service Animal relief is available near the United Spinal Cord Injury Association Respite Pavilion.

Resources:

Wisconsin Legislature: 106.52(1)(fm)

US Dept of Justice – ADA Requirements / Service Animals

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