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CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT CORPORATE POLICY

Policy Type	Commission		
Section	Administration		
Title	GUIDE AND SERVICE ANIMALS		
Adopted Date	September 3, 2024	Policy Number	A-100.05
Last Amended			
Policy Owner	SEAPARC Recreation		

1. POLICY:

Animals and pets, with the exception of guide and service animals, are not permitted inside SEAPARC facilities.

2. PURPOSE:

To provide safe, clean, welcoming and accessible facilities for patrons and staff.

3. SCOPE:

This policy applies to all patrons and staff when inside SEAPARC facilities.

4. DEFINITIONS:

Guide dog means a dog that:

- (a) is trained as a guide for a blind person, and
- (b) is certified as a guide dog

Service dog means a dog that

- (a) is trained to perform specific tasks to assist a person with a disability, and
- (b) is certified as a service dog

5. PROCEDURE:

A patron with a disability that is accompanied by a certified guide or service animal will be allowed access to all SEAPARC facilities that are open to the public unless otherwise excluded by the law. All other animals, including therapy and emotional support animals (as they are not eligible for certification) are not permitted inside SEAPARC facilities.

Patrons may be required to show their government-issued Guide Dog and Service Dog Certificate ID card at any time.

If there is a health and safety concern for another person, such as a severe allergy to the service animal, reasonable efforts will be made to meet the needs of all individuals including eliminating in-person contact or creating distance between the individuals.

POOL

Service animals are permitted in the pool area but should not impede the safety of others using the pool. Within the pool enclosure, guide/service animals must maintain a minimum distance of 6 feet from the water. Guide/service animals only permitted in the water in an emergency situation to assist the patron.

6. SCHEDULE:

7. AMENDMENT(S):

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8. REVIEW(S):

Review Date	Description:

9. RELATED POLICY, PROCEDURE OR GUIDELINE:

BC Pool Regulation
Guide and Service Dog Act