



Lower Columbia Estuary Partnership Service Animal Policy

The Lower Columbia Estuary Partnership strives to be as inclusive and accommodating as possible to participants with disabilities. In doing so, we welcome properly trained service animals to accompany their disabled handlers where we can accommodate them. Unfortunately, the Estuary Partnership cannot accommodate emotional support animals, therapy animals, comfort animals, pets, or any other animal that does not meet the ADA definition of service animal.

All service animals must meet the ADA standards for training and behavior in order to participate in Estuary Partnership activities. While we recognize service animals are animals, and not robots, however any animal exhibiting aggressive behavior or who is otherwise out of control of the handler (and unable to be effectively brought under the control of said handler) will be promptly removed from the activity. The handler will be welcomed back into the activity upon removal of the offending animal.

All handlers must be able to appropriately control their service animal, with or without help of a companion. At no point can Estuary Partnership staff take control of the animal or be responsible for controlling said animal. The service animal's handler is also responsible for the needs of their service animal, including but not limited to providing adequate water and appropriate protection from the weather. Estuary Partnership staff are not responsible for providing for the needs of any service animals.

If you intend to bring a service animal to an Estuary Partnership activity, please contact the Access and Inclusion Coordinator at cbordley@estuarypartnership.org prior to the activity so we can best accommodate you.

For certain activities, namely paddle activities, due to limited space within the boats, we may be unable to accommodate service animals, especially large ones. While permitted under ADA law as service animals, service miniature horses, will not be permitted on paddle activities due to the inability of the boat to safely accommodate them.