Animals and Pets at the WWU Rosario Beach Marine Laboratory

Walla Walla University has a “No Pet” policy for all WWU campuses. Service animals and emotional support animals may be allowed as an exception to the “No Pet” policy, under specific conditions. This is a general overview of exceptions to the “No Pet” policy, as it applies to the WWU Rosario Beach Marine Laboratory. For full policies, please see the WWU website.

**Service animals:**
Service animals, as defined by the ADA, are welcome on all Walla Walla University campuses, including the Rosario Marine Biology Laboratory.

Service animals are defined as dogs that are *individually trained* to do work or perform an *active* task that mitigates or partially mitigates the impact of the person’s disability. 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. Service animals accompany the owner at all times. *Dogs whose sole function is to provide comfort or emotional support do not qualify as service animals under the ADA.*

- Service animals should be with the owner at all times, and the owner is 100% responsible for the care, feeding, and clean-up of the animal.
- The animal must be harnessed, leached, or tethered unless these devices interfere with the service animal’s work or the individual’s disability prevents using these devices. The animal should not be allowed to roam freely.

The complete WWU Service Animal Policy may be viewed here:

**Emotional Support (or Assistance) Animals (ESA’s):** Emotional Support Animals (or Assistance Animals) are not classified as “service animals” under the ADA, and thus are not allowed on WWU campuses for short-term stays.

Under the Fair Housing Act, emotional support animals may be allowed for students or staff while in **residence** during a full academic term on the Rosario Campus. ESA’s are not allowed in Rosario cabins, dorms, or camping locations unless approved sixty (60) days prior to arrival through the WWU Emotional Support Animal procedure.

- Students or staff requesting an ESA should apply through Sue Huett, DSS Coordinator for all WWU campuses at sue.huett@wallawalla.edu. The full policy will be provided by the DSS office.
- Requests should be made at least 60 days in advance of the beginning of the term.
- Documentation from an appropriate professional, as per WWU policy, should be submitted at the same time as the request.
- Emotional Support Animals may not be moved into residence until approved and all required documents are submitted and signed by the appropriate parties.