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On behalf of the Equal Opportunity Office (EOO) at the University of Georgia, I invite you to learn about the Service Animal Policy (Policy). The state law regarding Service Animals has recently changed mandating that service animals in training receive the same rights and treatment as service animals that have completed their training. To this end, UGA determined the need for a Service Animal policy to include a registration process in order to determine how many service animals are on campus, to register those animals and partners/handlers, and to clarify the rights and responsibilities of the animal partners/handlers.

We invite you to familiarize yourself with the policy. It can be found on the EOO webpage at <http://webdev.itos.uga.edu/eoo/policies/pdfs/ServiceAnimalPolicy.pdf>. In addition to the policy, the EOO is drafting additional guidelines and Frequently Asked Questions to clarify the registration process through the Disability Resource Center for students and the Office of Faculty and Staff Relations for faculty and staff, as well as to answer questions that students, partners, faculty, staff and administrators may have. Links to the guidelines and FAQs will also be found on the EOO Webpage.

EOO requests that you share and discuss this policy with your respective department and/or division staff in order to introduce the Policy to the university community. If your department or division has areas that should be added to the list of prohibited locations, please send your requests, in writing, to ugaeoo@uga.edu. These requests will be reviewed by the EOO and a response will be sent, in writing, informing the requestor of the decision.

The EOO would like to thank the following departments for their suggestions, input, collaboration and work on the implementation of the policy: the Disability Resource Center, the Building Services Department, the University of Georgia Police Department, the Vet School, the Office of the Dean of Students, the Department of University Housing, ID Card Services, and the Office of Student Conduct.

Please contact the Equal Opportunity Office by emailing ugaeoo@uga.edu or by calling 706-542-7912 with questions or to report a policy violation.