



Verto Service Animal Policy

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Verto Education is committed to making reasonable accommodations to its rules, policies, and practices as required by law to afford participants with disabilities an equal opportunity to access housing and any associated amenities, including granting reasonable accommodations for assistance animals as determined on a case-by-case basis. An assistance animal is an animal that either (1) works, provides assistance, or performs tasks for the benefit of a person with a disability; or (2) provides emotional or other type of support that alleviates one or more identified symptoms or effects of a participant's disability.

Verto Education is not responsible for the care or supervision of assistance animals. Assistance animal owners are responsible for the cost, care, and supervision of assistance animals, including:

- compliance with any laws pertaining to animal licensing, leashing, vaccination, and owner identification;
- keeping the animal clean, healthy and under control, as well as taking effective action when it is out of control;
- feeding and exercising (if applicable) the animal; and
- cleaning up after the animal in the residence and any other areas of the property as well as properly disposing of its waste. Waste disposal via property plumbing is prohibited, but Verto Education can provide guidance on where/how to appropriately dispose of animal waste.

Verto Education will not require any deposits, surcharges or fees for assistance animals. However, an assistance animal owner may be charged for damage caused by the assistance animal(s) to the same extent that Verto Education would normally charge a person for the damage they cause. The assistance animal owner is responsible for any expenses incurred for cleaning above and beyond a standard cleaning or for repairs to the premises after they vacate.

Owners of assistance animals must comply with the same Verto Education housing contract, Code of Conduct or other rules regarding noise, safety, disruption, and cleanliness as people without disabilities. A reasonable accommodation which may constitute an exception to a policy that otherwise would prohibit having an animal does not constitute an exception to any other policy.