



NC Department of Environmental Quality

DMF Animal Policy

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- The entire policy is published as ADM-18 in the DMF Policy Manual.
- Only ADA trained service dogs are allowed on DMF property.
- Exceptions:
 - 1) Animals used in research and teaching may be authorized by the director or deputy director.
 - 2) Exceptions for special circumstances or special events may be approved by the director or deputy director.



ADA Service Animal Guidelines

- Only dogs can be ADA service animals.
- Allow service dogs to enter immediately with no extra requirements or delays.
- If the dog is not obviously a service animal, ask only these two questions:
 - “Is this a service dog required because of a disability?”
 - “What work or task has the dog been trained to perform?”



ADA Compliant Signage

One of the following statements should be posted on the entry door:

- No Pets. Service Animals Welcome.
- No Pets. Trained Service Dogs Only.
- Pets Not Permitted. ADA Recognized Service Dogs Welcome.



Service Dog Behavior

- Dogs should be under control (leash, harness, or voice control)
- Dogs should not be disruptive, aggressive, or relieving themselves indoors



How to Address Bad Behavior

- Ask the handler to regain control
- If this doesn't work, call Marine Patrol

