City Center Pet Policy for Guests/Visitors

1) At San Francisco Zen Center, a service animal is defined as a dog that has been individually trained to do work or perform tasks for an individual with a disability.

2) The task(s) performed by the dog must be directly related to the person's disability.

3) All service dogs must remain with their owner (the person needing service) at all times while on-site.

4) Ideally, all service dogs should wear a service dog vest while moving among guests and in guest-accessible spaces.

5) Guests may bring their service dog into various SFZC community spaces including into the Buddha Hall as long as the animal is not on the tatami. Those sitting zazen with a service dog are asked to do so in the gaitan outside the zendo, rather than sitting in the zendo proper.

6) Emotional support, therapy, comfort, or companion animals are not considered service animals and are not permitted for guests/visitors at San Francisco Zen Center.

Religious institutions and organizations are specifically exempt from the Americans with Disabilities Act. The exemption covers all of the activities of a religious entity, whether religious or secular.

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