

**Service Dog Information for GUEST.**

Pets are not permitted in the Garden.

Exception for Service Dogs: Service Dogs are allowed on the premises under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) that comply with additional identification requirements of Virginia law. Service Dogs must be a dog that has been TRAINED to assist a disabled person with a MAJOR LIFE ACTIVITY. In general, Service Dogs may accompany a disabled person in the Garden. Service dogs **must have an appropriate harness, backpack, or vest** identifying the dog as a trained service dog (VA 51.5-44). **Companion and Therapy Dogs** are **NOT** covered under ADA and will be excluded from the garden.

Please provide the attendant with the following information:

1. Are you the dog's disabled handler?
2. Is this your **trained** Service Dog?
3. What Major life task does your dog perform for you?

If you wish, in lieu of the above questions, you may provide the attendant with documentation of training or registration of your dog as a Service Dog to avoid future questioning.

**NOTE: Misrepresenting your dog as a Trained Service Animal is a crime under the Federal ADA and state Law.**

Dogs that do not meet ADA requirements will be excluded from admission. Animals left unattended in automobiles will be reported to local police and animal control officers. If a disabled handler is not adequately controlling or attending to a misbehaving service animal (who is barking, unruly, defecating or urinating in the garden, etc.), the handler may legally be asked to remove the service dog. The handler will be financially responsible for any damages done to the premises by the dog.

**VA CODE 51.5 -44 - E.** Every totally or partially blind person shall have the right to be accompanied by a dog, in harness, trained as a guide dog, every deaf or hearing-impaired person shall have the right to be accompanied by a dog trained as a hearing dog on a blaze orange leash, and every mobility-impaired or otherwise disabled person shall have the right to be accompanied by a dog, trained as a service dog, in a harness, backpack, or vest identifying the dog as a trained service dog, in any of the places listed in subsection B without being required to pay an extra charge for the dog, provided that he shall be liable for any damage done to the premises or facilities by such dog.