

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.

<https://www.ada.gov/taman3.html>