This policy addresses the presence of animals on campus for the purpose of accommodating students with disabilities, including service animals and assistance animals, in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Fair Housing Act, and other federal and state disability laws.

Pets and other animals that do not qualify as service or support animals are generally prohibited on campus, including in campus housing. For more information, please review Soka University’s Animal Policy and Residential Life Pet Policy.

**Definitions**

**Pet:** A pet is a domestic animal kept for pleasure or companionship. Pets are generally prohibited on campus, including in campus housing. Fish only are permitted if kept in a tank or container no larger than 10 gallons. For more information, please review Soka University’s Animal Policy and Residential Life Pet Policy. Violation of these policies may result in the immediate removal of the animal and possible disciplinary action and/or fines.

**Service Animal:** A service animal is generally a dog that is individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of a person with a disability. An example of a service animal is a guide dog used by a blind person. In general, service animals are allowed to accompany the person with a disability in public places and places of residence.

**Assistance Animal:** An assistance animal is an animal utilized by a person with a disability for emotional support, well-being, or comfort. Because assistance animals are not individually trained to perform work or tasks, support animals do not qualify as service animals. In general, assistance animals that are allowed on campus are restricted to places of residence.

For more information about service or support animals, please contact Disability Services in the Student Affairs Office at (949) 480-4139.