

GUIDELINES FOR SERVICE AND EMOTIONAL SUPPORT DOGS AT THE MEEKER CLASSIC

****please note requirements if you intend to bring an Emotional Support dog to the Meeker Classic**

Required Behavior of Service and Emotional Support Dogs

- The owner is responsible for behavior and controlling the dog.
- If a service animal behaves in an unacceptable way and the person with a disability does not control the animal, the Meeker Classic does not have to allow the animal onto its premises. Uncontrolled barking, jumping on other people, or running away from the handler are examples of unacceptable behavior for a service animal
- The Meeker Classic may exclude a service animal when the animal's behavior poses a direct threat to the health or safety of others.
- The animal must behave properly in public and should follow directions from its owner.

Trained service animals

Trained service animals are animals that receive specific training to perform life functions for individuals with disabilities. Examples include animals that assist with visual impairments, deafness, seizures and mobility limitations.

Emotional support and psychiatric assist animals

Emotional support animals are animals that provide emotional, psychiatric or cognitive support for individuals with disabilities, but may or may not have training with respect to the disability.

Emotional support and psychiatric assist animals are accepted to the Meeker Classic if certain documentation requirements are met. Visitors must provide 5 days notice to the Meeker Classic and a letter from a licensed medical/mental health professional in addition to a veterinary health form documenting the health and vaccination records for the animal as well as confirming that the animal has appropriate behavioral training.

Service animals in training

The Meeker Classic only recognizes service animals which have been trained and certified.

Therapy animals

Therapy animals, which are pets that have been trained and registered by a therapy organization in order to visit nursing homes, hospitals, schools and other facilities, are not considered to be service animals.