YESHIVA UNIVERSITY - Service Animal Policy
Yeshiva University follows the most recent guidance from the Americans with Disabilities Act
(ADA) and its amendments regarding service animals (SAs). Yeshiva University has created the
following guidelines for SAs on campu•�^v�v]uo�šZ�}•�ÁŒl�}Œ�‰(}Œu•�šl•�(}Œ�šZ�v(]š�}(�v�]v]Àµo�Á]šZ��]•o]šÇ�
(including psychiatric, cognitive, and physical).” Emotional support animals, comfort animals,
and therapy dogs are not service animals and are addressed in the College’s Emotional Support
Animal Policy.
Other than dogs, the only type of animal that can be considered a service animal under the ADA
is a miniature horse, though miniature horses may be subject to somewhat greater restrictions
than Service Dogs. Given the rarity of the use of miniature horses as service animals, in this
policy, the term “Service Dogs” is used when referring to service animals.
A Service Dog may accompany the individual with a disability everywhere on campus except in
rare situations where safety may be compromised or where a Service Dog may interfere with
the fundamental nature of the activities being conducted.
Students with disabilities who require a Service Dog on-campus are encouraged to self-identify
as a person with a disability to the Office of Disability Services (hereto referred to as ODS) as
soon as possible after deciding to enroll at the College.

The Service Dog’s behavior, noise, odor and waste must not exceed reasonable standards for a
well-behaved animal. These factors should not create unreasonable disruptions for other
residents. If the noise (whining or barking) is excessive as judged by residence life staff, it is
grounds to remove the Service Dog from campus. Service Dogs may be excluded from the
college campus if the Service Dog behaves in an unacceptable way and/or the student does not
control the Service Dog.
The student is responsible for immediately cleaning up and properly disposing of the Service
Dog’s waste and is responsible for having the equipment to do so. People who are physically
unable to accomplish this task are responsible for arranging for it to be done. The College
retains the right to designate a particular area for the Service Dogs to relieve themselves and/or
for the disposal of their waste.
The student must be in full control of the Service Dog at all times. Service Dogs must be
harnessed, leashed, or tethered, unless these devices interfere with the Service Dog’s work or
the individual’s disability prevents using these devices. In the latter cases, the individual must
maintain control of the Service Dog through voice, signal, or other effective controls.
 The student, not the College, is responsible for the actions of the Service Dog including bodily
injury or property damage. Students with Service Dogs are likely to be charged if additional
cleaning or damage occurs as a result of having the Service Dog on campus. The student is
expected to pay these costs upon repair or cleaning. In addition, the College retains the right to
remove the Service Dog, at the owner’s expense, should the Service Dog become a direct threat
to the health and safety of others or violates these requirements in any way.