



# ANIMALS

## **Policy on Service Animals and Pets in State Preservation Board (SPB) Managed Properties**

No pets are allowed in SPB managed properties.

The SPB complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and allows service animals trained to perform specific tasks for an individual with a disability into all public areas of its facilities. Dogs are the **ONLY** animals recognized as service animals by federal law with miniature horses/ponies afforded special consideration.

Miniature horses are allowed into SPB managed properties as service animals under the ADA provided they meet certain requirements.

The ADA does not recognize emotional support animals as service animals if the animal's mere presence is to provide comfort. The animal must be trained to perform a task related to a person's disability. No animals, other than ADA compliant service dogs or miniature horses, are allowed in the building.

**Representing a pet as a service animal is against the law in Texas. Violators could face up to a \$1,000 fine and 30 hours of community service.**



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## **SPB MISSION STATEMENT**

The State Preservation Board preserves and maintains the Texas Capitol, the Capitol Extension, the 1857 General Land Office Building, other designated buildings, their contents and their grounds; preserves and maintains the Texas Governor's Mansion; and operates the Bullock Texas State History Museum and the Texas State Cemetery. We provide educational programs centered on Texas history, government and culture. These services benefit the citizens of Texas and its visitors.

## **SPB PHILOSOPHY**

The State Preservation Board acts in accordance with the highest standards of achievement, accountability and ethics. We value our customers and their needs. We strive to maintain a productive working environment where each participant is valued and where all participants can work together positively to accomplish common and individual goals. We manage our resources wisely. We are driven by our commitment to excellence and our appreciation of the lessons of history and the value of the past as a teacher for the future.



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