



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.

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, Capitol Extension and Capitol Grounds, the 1857 General Land Office Building known as the Capitol Visitors Center, the Texas Governor's Mansion and the contents of each property. The agency also operates and manages the Bullock Texas State History Museum, Texas State Cemetery and Capitol Mall, and supports other legislative facilities under care of the agency. Additionally, the agency provides educational programs about Texas history, government and culture to benefit the citizens of Texas and visitors to the state.

SPB PHILOSOPHY

The SPB acts in accordance with the highest standards of achievement, accountability, and ethics. We manage our resources wisely as public servants and stewards of some of the State of Texas's most important historical and architectural resources. We strive to maintain a productive working environment where each person is valued and where all staff can work together positively to accomplish common and individual goals. 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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