



Dogs and Service Animals on Avalonia Preserves

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Avalonia welcomes dogs on leash at most of our preserves. The leash requirement reflects our commitment to protecting the integrity of the land and the safety of the wild species who live there. Leashes must be a maximum of seven feet long. Each preserve listing on the website includes a notation on the dog policy at that property. (Avalonia recognizes that the Americans with Disabilities Act [ADA] identifies dogs *and* miniature horses as the two species eligible for coverage as service animals.)

Exceptions:

- 1) **Preserves donated with a prohibition against dogs written into the deed.** Because the ADA trumps the deed restriction, service animals are allowed on these otherwise restricted properties. Pet dogs are not allowed.
- 2) **Preserves with delicate environmental conditions and/or species vulnerabilities.** At these preserves, the restriction applies to both pets and service animals. The ADA allows this kind of restriction (also called exclusion) under its “fundamental alteration” provision.

For more information on the ADA and service animals, including exclusions, see the below link from the U.S. Department of Justice. (Note: In rare circumstances and as required by the ADA, Avalonia may modify its service animal policies upon request.)

<https://www.ada.gov/resources/service-animals-faqs/>
