

**FRESNO COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
FRESNO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION****Instruction
ANIMALS AT SCHOOL**

The County Superintendent and County Board recognize that animals can contribute to the County Superintendent/County Board instructional program by being effective teaching aids to students and by assisting individuals with disabilities to access County Superintendent/County Board programs and activities. In addition, instruction related to the care and treatment of animals teaches students a sense of responsibility and promotes the humane treatment of living creatures.

The County Superintendent or designee shall develop rules and procedures to ensure that when animals are brought to school, the health, safety, and welfare of students, staff, and the animals are protected. However, the County Superintendent/County Board assumes no liability for the safety of animals allowed on County Superintendent/County Board property.

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Legal ReferenceEducation Code

233.5 Instruction in kindness to pets and humane treatment of living creatures
39839 Transportation of guide dogs, signal dogs, service dogs
51202 Instruction in personal and public health and safety
51540 Safe and humane treatment of animals at school

Civil Code

54.1 Access to public places
54.2 Guide, signal, or service dogs, right to accompany

Government Code

810-996.6 California Tort Claims Act, especially:
815 Liability for injuries generally; immunity of public entity
835 Conditions of liability

Vehicle Code

21113 Public grounds

Code of Regulations, Title 13

1216 Transportation of property

United States Code, Title 20

1400-1482 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act

United States Code, Title 29

794 Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 504

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Code of Federal Regulations, Title 28

35.104 Definitions

35.136 Service animals

Court Decisions

Sullivan v. Vallejo City USD (1990) 731 F.Supp. 947

Management Resources

Federal Register

Rules and Regulations, September 15, 2010, Vol. 75, Number 178, pages 56164-56236

CSBA Publications

Indoor Air Quality: Governing Board Actions for Creating Healthy School Environments, Policy Brief, July 2008

Asthma Management in the Schools, Policy Brief, March 2008

Websites

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals: <http://www.aspca.org>

Humane Society of the United States: <http://www.hsus.org>

U.S. Department of Education, Office of Civil Rights: <http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr>