

## **Argosy/Royal Argosy/Tillicum Village**

### Argosy Service Animal/Domestic (Pet) Policy

Animals clearly not meeting the definition of a service animal are not permitted on an Argosy vessel or facility regardless of the business location or time of day 24 hours, 7 days a week. This would include, but are not limited to: dogs, cats, rabbits, reptiles, rodents, birds, etc.

#### **Service Animal**

The American Disabilities Act (ADA) defines a service animal as **any** guide dog, signal dog, or another dog individually trained to work or perform tasks for an individual with a disability, who if asked, must be able to describe the specific task performed or work done by the animal. The work done or tasks performed by the service animal must be directly related to the handler's disability. One's disability may not be apparent (e.g. seizure disorder). **A "comfort", "emotional support" or "therapy animal" that provides support simply by being itself does NOT meet the definition of a service animal. If the animal is not individually trained to do work or perform a task, it is considered a pet under the ADA.** If the animal does meet the definition, they are considered service animals under the ADA regardless of whether they have been licensed or certified by a state or local government. Examples of service animals are "seeing eye dogs", alerting person with hearing impairments to sounds, pulling wheelchairs or carrying and picking up things for person with mobility impairments such as balance. Service animals are not considered pets in accordance with the Title III of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), RCW 70.84.02 and RCW 70.84.021. (As of March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011, only dogs will be considered service animals under the ADA).