

DEFINITIONS

PURPOSE

To provide definitions for commonly used terms in Star Ranch policies, procedures, and rules.

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Activities – activity organized or sponsored by one or more people in an organization or that is related to education, recreation, health, or community cultural activities and serves all or part of the community.

Children – Children at Star Ranch are defined as anyone under the age of 14. Minors include children and adolescents under the age of 18.

Common areas – All Star Ranch grounds except private sites.

Guest – a hosted guest of a “site holding” member who must remain on the site holders’ site and does not have access to the grounds.

Members – persons who have applied for and been approved by the Council and paid membership dues.

Pool area – Area inside the fence at the outdoor pool, or inside the room housing the indoor pool and hot tub area.

Private Sites – the area around a member’s house, manufactured home, RV, or tent that is leased by a member, that should be respected for the privacy of the site.

Residents – are Sahnoans with a Gold membership who have been approved for residency and primarily reside on Star Ranch Property.

Sanctioned events – Scheduled activities organized by the Council or Board and announced to members. Dances, contests, tournaments, dinners, etc., are examples of sanctioned events.

Service animal - A service animal is defined in the US Department of Justice (DOJ) regulations for Titles II (Section 35.104) and III (Section 36.104) of the ADA as “any dog that is individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability, including a physical, sensory, psychiatric, intellectual, or other mental disability.”

The dog can be any breed. No other types of animals, though, can be considered service animals under the ADA with the single possible exception of a miniature horse. This definition of a service animal applies when a person is accessing a public place covered by these regulations. Examples are a restaurant, doctor’s office or hospital, public library, county office, or grocery store -- or any place that is a public entity or public accommodation.

Individually trained [means] that the dog is trained to do a specific task for a specific person with a disability.

A task is a specific action or step that a service animal does to assist its handler with a disability. The task performed must be directly related to the disability.

While providing emotional support, wellbeing, or comfort is an invaluable benefit of a dog, by itself these activities are not recognized as a task by the DOJ. A task is a specific action that the service animal does. For this reason, emotional support, therapy, or comfort animals are not service animals under the ADA.

Visitor – any individual or couple who are NOT members, but who have cleared a background check and pay a gate fee(s) who are allowed to use of Star Ranch facilities.