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Accommodation for Disabled Students

I believe colleges should act as landlords or municipalities with authority to ensure that the pets kept by disabled students in the dorm rooms for emotional support follow the school's set safety and health regulations. The school will determine the size or type of the animal kept in the dorm rooms and require the setting care standards and proof of vaccination. As much as students with disabilities are allowed to bring pets for emotional support despite the 'no pets' rule, they are supposed to follow the guidelines that will ensure other students' safety and the health of the animals found on the school premises (Greene, 2011).

An animal whose sole purpose is to provide emotional support to disabled students should not be allowed in the classroom. This is because it might inconvenience other students if some are allergic or fear specific animals that students may come with. For instance, a popular animal for emotional support is a cat. Therefore, if a disabled student brings a cat to the classroom, other students might be allergic to cats; hence, causing inconveniences and difficulties (Colker & Grossman, 2014). The only animal that is allowed to enter the classroom is a service animal. A service animal is trained and certified to provide service for disabled students at every public facility. For example, a service animal can help blind students to find their ways to a facility within the school by guiding them. The service animal, especially dogs, guides the students to the classroom and waits for them until the classroom is over. They also help push individuals with wheelchairs, alerting deaf students, reminding individuals with mental illness to take their medications, among others.

Therefore, only a service animal should be allowed in the classroom premises, but not a pet meant for emotional support only. The reason is that it will build up resentments and inconveniences to other students since they are not allowed to bring a pet to school.

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