

# IRON BLOSAM LODGE SERVICE DOG POLICY

1. The Iron Blossam Lodge is located within the Little Cottonwood Creek watershed area which is part of the greater Salt Lake City Watershed Area. This watershed area **SUPPLIES DRINKING WATER TO THE RESIDENTS OF SALT LAKE CITY AND THE SALT LAKE CITY WATER SYSTEM.** Dogs carry chlorine-resistant parasites that cannot be removed by the customary procedures used to treat water for drinking and other residential purposes.
2. As part of the Salt Lake City Watershed Area and in order to maintain safe water for drinking and other residential purposes, the Iron Blossam Lodge is subject to Salt Lake Valley Health Department Health Regulation #14 titled "Watershed Regulation" adopted by the Salt Lake Valley Board of Health on December 3, 1981, and amended December 3, 1992, December 7, 2006 under the authority of Section 26A-1-114, Utah Code Annotated, 1953, as amended.
3. Pursuant to Section 4.2 of the Watershed Regulation, **IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR ANY PERSON TO ALLOW A DOG TO ENTER THE WATERSHED AREA** (Subsection 4.2.9 of the Watershed Regulation).
4. **PERMITTED WATERSHED DOGS MUST HAVE BEEN ISSUED A PERMIT BY THE SALT LAKE COUNTY DIVISION OF ANIMAL SERVICES AND WEAR THE DESIGNATION TAG.**
5. **FOUR (4) LIMITED EXCEPTIONS** for dogs as follows under subsection 4.3.1 of the Watershed Regulation.
  - a. a Search and Rescue Dog.
  - b. a Law Enforcement Dog (while acting in its official law enforcement capacity).
  - c. a Service Dog (meeting the requirements under the Americans with Disabilities Act, discussed in more detail below); and
  - d. Permitted Watershed Dog (having been validly issued a permit by the Salt Lake County Division of Animal Services under Subsection 4.3.3 of the Watershed Regulation discussed in more detail below).
6. **A SERVICE DOG MUST MEET THE REQUIREMENTS MADE KNOWN BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION UNDER THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) REGULATIONS** (last updated February 28, 2020) as follows:
  - a. A service dog must be "*individually trained to do work or perform tasks for a person with a disability.*" Service animals are working animals, not pets. The work or task a service dog has been trained to perform must be directly related to the person's disability.
  - b. A dog whose sole function is to provide *comfort or emotional support does not qualify* as a service animal under the ADA.
  - c. A service dog *must always be under the control of the handler.* The dog must be harnessed, leashed, or tethered. Certain disabilities may require the handler to maintain control through voice, signal (hand or audio).
  - d. A service dog *cannot be left alone* at the Iron Blossam Lodge (in an individual unit or otherwise). A service dog who is left alone is considered NOT to be under the handler's control.
  - e. A service dog *must not bark repeatedly.* A dog that barks repeatedly is considered NOT to be under the handler's control.
  - f. A service dog must be *housebroken.*
7. **OWNERS OF THE SERVICE DOGS DESCRIBED MUST PROPERLY DISPOSE OF ANY FECAL MATTER DEPOSITED BY THE DOG.**

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## 8. **ENFORCEMENT AND SUPPORT**

- a. To verify that a dog is a service animal, the Iron Blossam Lodge staff may ask (only) the following questions related to a service dog:
    - (1) Is the dog a service animal required because of a disability? and
    - (2) what work or task the dog has been trained to perform?
  - b. If a service animal is out of control and the handler does not take effective action to control it, the Iron Blossam Lodge staff may require that the animal be removed from the Iron Blossam Lodge premises.
  - c. Salt Lake City Public Utilities Watershed Rangers are available to provide support for enforcement. [Contact: \_\_\_\_\_]
  - d. Salt Lake County Animal Services 24 Hour Officer Dispatch: 801-840-4000.
- An abbreviated version of the foregoing requirements (Items 1 -6) should be posted in at least one visible location at the Iron Blossam Lodge.
  - The foregoing information (Items 1-6) should be distributed to all owners.
  - The foregoing information (Items 1 – 6) should be provided to all guests who seek to bring a dog to the Iron Blossam Lodge and should be included in the guest information “notebook” in each unit.

Resources:

<https://slco.org/health/water-quality/watersheds/>

<https://www.ada.gov/resources/service-animals-2010-requirements/>

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

Salt Lake County Animal Control – Brad Johnson (385-468-7387)  
Salt Lake County Health Department – (385-468-4100)