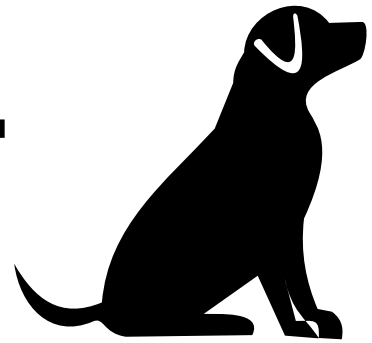


# SERVICE ANIMAL INFORMATION



**Ocala Family Medical Center, Inc. follows state laws as they pertain to service animals.**

**Florida Statutes Chapter 413/413.08, Effective 2023**

**2(d), the term “service animal” is limited to a dog or miniature horse.**

**3(b) To determine the difference between a service animal and a pet, a public accommodation (i.e. Ocala Family Medical Center) may ask if an animal is a service animal required because of a disability and what work or tasks the animal has been trained to perform.**

**(9) A person who knowingly and willfully misrepresents herself or himself, through conduct or verbal or written notice, as using a service animal and being qualified to use a service animal or as a trainer of a service animal commits a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083 and must perform 30 hours of community service for an organization that serves individuals with disabilities, or for another entity or organization at the discretion of the court, to be completed in not more than 6 months.**

