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Pet Policy:
No pets allowed in the cabins. A therapy animal is considered the same as a pet under the law and this policy, and therefore is not a service animal or service-animal-in-training.

Service Animal Policy:
A service animal or service-animal-in-training is not a pet. A person with a disability has a right to be accompanied by a ***service animal or service-animal-in-training***, provided the animal is under control, without being required to make additional payment for lodging.

A person with an animal will not be asked about a disability or require medical documentation of a disability. A person with an animal will not be asked to provide special identification or training documentation of the service animal or service-animal-in-training or require a demonstration of the work and animal performs. A person with a service animal or service-animal-in-training will not be charged an extra fee or be segregated from other customer/patrons.

A person with an animal may be asked if the animal is required because of a disability. A person representing the animal as a service animal or service-animal-in-training may be asked what work or task the animal is trained to perform.

It is a criminal violation for a person to intentionally misrepresent an animal as a service animal or service-animal-in-training. (Iowa Code 216C.11 (2022)). All persons using or controlling or handling a service animal or service-animal-in-training must sign this policy as an acknowledgment that it is illegal to knowingly misrepresent an animal as a service animal or service-animal-in-training.

By signing this policy, the person with the service animal or service-animal-in-training acknowledges and agrees to the following:

1. Service animal or service-animal-in-training will be under control at all times and will not pose a threat to the health and safety of others.
2. Service animal or service-animal-in-training must comply with state and local animal control laws and show proof of vaccinations.
3. Service animal or service-animal-in-training should be kept at a person's side quietly, unless performing a specific task.
4. Service animal or service-animal-in-training must be leashed, harnessed or tethered unless this may interfere with the animal's work, or if a disability prevents their use, in which case the service animal or service-animal-in-training must be controlled by voice, hand signals or other effective ways.

Persons declaring their animal is a service animal or service-animal-in-training by signing this policy acknowledge that Hardin County and Hardin County Conservation or their agents have a good faith reason to believe the animal is a service animal or service-animal-in-training and the person using the animal is a person with a disability, and therefore by law Hardin County and Hardin County Conservation or their agents are not liable for injury or damage caused by the animal. (Iowa Code 216C.11 (2022)) All or part of the security deposit may be retained against costs or damages incurred. If the deposit does not cover such costs, the renter is held responsible for additional payment.