The **FUNDACIÓN PARQUE JAIME DUQUE (FPJD),** applying the guidelines of the National Police and Coexistence Code (Law 1801 of 2016), allows the entry of support guide dogs and medical alert dogs duly trained to guide people with visual disabilities, guiding them through the surroundings and carrying out protection work such as avoiding obstacles and situations that may affect or alert them in the case of crisis of whomever have chronic pathologies related like epilepsy, diabetes, among others, to be able to act in a timely manner.

The support guide dog is not conceived as a companion animal, it is an animal that has been trained in national or international specialized centers that belong to or are approved by the entity that the Colombian Agricultural Institute (ICA), or whoever acts in its place, authorizes. These individuals are dedicated to accompanying, guiding, and helping a disabled person. They must o would be required to pass a selection process and successfully complete their training, having acquired the necessary skills to improve the independence and autonomy of their user, and obtain the corresponding identification that certifies this.

The medical alert dog is also not conceived as a companion animal, it is an individual duly trained by organizations. These are usually highly socialized working dog breeds if they must work in public, although there are no restrictions regarding size or breed beyond the tasks they must perform.

For the implementation of this policy, the following guidelines must be met:

**GUIDELINES**

* The Park will not make any charge for the entry of support guide and medical alert dogs.
* The vaccination certificate must be presented (vaccines with respective batch, expiration date and signature of the veterinarian doctor).
* The holder must show the current veterinary medical certificate stating that the dog is in good health condition and does not present signs of infectious diseases or chronic diseases that require complex management.
* The dog must have daily deworming and ectoparasite control.
* For a canine to be recognized as a support guide and/or medical alert dog, it must have a training certificate as a guide dog issued by recognized institutions, for this process.
* The support guide and/or medical alert dog must wear a special harness. The holder must have the certification as the carrier of a support guide dog and/or a medical alert dog.
* The support guide dog and/or medical alert dog must always be next to the person with visual disabilities and/or with the pathology that justifies their assistance.
* The entry of support guide and medical alert dogs is prohibited into our Natural Reserves, which are: Reserva Natural Ecoparque Sabana y Reserva Natural Bioparque Wakatá. This means that the access to the “sendero guardianes de la conservación” is not permitted since it is part of one of our Reserves, complying with the high standards of animal welfare in the animals that are within our facilities and the responsibility to protect the biodiversity of wild species that are in our Reserves.
* Support guide and medical alert dogs will not be able to enter to the attractions since these are not designed for animals, therefore their safety could be affected.
* The breeds authorized to provide guide dog service are: Labrador Retriver, Golden Retriever and German Shepherd.
* In the event of an escape of any of these dogs, it must be reported immediately to the “animal escape brigade”, In case this escape is not resolved immediately.
* Any situation that arises with the dog within the temporary stay facilities must be notified immediately to the owner and, if possible, to the Veterinarian on duty at the Reserva Natural Bioparque Wakatá.



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