

Emotional Support Animals

There is a specific form that you obtain from the SAR office for your medical or mental health provider to fill out. You will submit that form with your application for services or at your intake appointment. This documentation allows the following determination to be made:

- That the individual has a disability for which the animal is needed
- The animal is necessary to allow the individual an equal opportunity to use and enjoy a dwelling
- There is an identifiable relationship between the disability and the assistance the animal provides
- Assistance animals are NOT allowed in any other university building

Emotional Support Animals need no specific training, but must be registered with the Student Accessibility and Resources office when living in any campus owned housing. Documentation prescribing the need for an ESA must be provided to the SAR office. The provider of the prescription must be a licensed professional who is knowledgeable of the difference between an ESA and an SA and cannot be a family member. A good match between the qualifications of the person making the diagnosis and the condition is expected. The provider must also be able to show an established treatment relationship and have a permanent residence in the same state as the client.

An “internet” certificate is not needed or accepted as the sole supporting documentation.

ESAs provide comfort for the owner. They are not allowed in any building on campus other than the owner’s personal residence. ESAs are subject to all city and/or county ordinances including vaccination, licensure, animal health and leash laws, as well as the University’s rules in lease provisions regarding the above; and cleanup and community relationships.

Exceptions

Animals can be removed from campus and/or campus housing if Owners/Handlers:

- The animal is not housebroken
- Causes substantial physical damage to the property of others or University facilities
- Would pose a direct threat to the health and safety of others
- Animal waste must be cleaned up immediately after by the owner – inside residence and on campus grounds
- Is not under the control of the owner at all times
- Vaccinations are not kept updated
- The animal is not to be left unattended anywhere on campus, including the dorm room and/or housing facilities (emotional support dogs must be crated in dorm/housing when student in class or absent from the living quarters)