

Emotional Support Animal Requests

Requests for an emotional support animal (ESA) is considered a housing accommodation that follows the same procedure. Upon approval of an ESA, students must sign an agreement, provide emergency contacts, and comply with the following expectations:

1. Provide your Emotional Support Animal (ESA) with water daily, food at regular periods, and appropriate exercise.
2. Properly harness, leash, or tether your approved ESA animal when outside the residence hall room. The animal must be on a leash of reasonable length and under control when exercised outside of the residence hall room.
3. Confine, pen, or crate your ESA when you are not at home in your residence hall room to ensure that the animal is safe and does not escape if a college employee or an emergency worker needs to enter your room.
4. Not be permitted to bring your ESA into the common areas of your residence hall, or academic buildings, or kitchens.
5. Not infringe on the rights of the other occupants of the residence hall to be comfortable in their living areas as a result of the ESA barking, howling, squealing, or otherwise causing a disturbance.
6. Understand the need for your ESA to be evacuated from your room by the fire department and/or safety officers in your absence in the event of a fire or fire alarm.
7. Properly clean up after your ESA by yourself, whether indoors or outdoors, with all waste deposited in baggies and then put directly into the proper trash dumpster.
8. Carefully monitor the animal's health. The animal's documentation needs to be in compliance with all state and local vaccination, health, and licensing requirements. In the event of illness and/or the need for constant care, the college would expect you to quickly arrange for your animal to be brought home or to the vet, or to be housed at a kennel, until the health problem is fully resolved.
9. Ensure that your animal does not damage college property. You will be held responsible for any damages or injury caused to others.
10. Understand that permission to have a support animal in CIA housing does not extend to other campus facilities or campus grounds at large.
11. ESAs will not be permitted to continue to live in the residence halls if the ESA becomes a nuisance due to noise, hygiene, or aggressiveness.
12. If the ESA agreement is violated in any way, the assistance animal will not be allowed to continue living in the residence halls.