

Emotional Support Animal Agreement

Students and guests may be permitted to have an Emotional Support Animal (ESA) within on-campus housing facilities if approved by the [Accessibility Support Center](#), and the animal is able to be accommodated within the residence halls.

This form must be submitted and approved prior to the animal entering on-campus housing and/or occupying the assigned space.

Student/Guest Name _____

Animal's Type and Breed _____

Animal's Name _____

Most Recent Rabies Vaccination Date: _____

(Record must be attached)

Spayed or Neutered Date: _____

(Record must be attached)

A student/guest may be permitted to have an emotional support animal in a campus housing unit as a reasonable accommodation if:

The student/guest has a verifiable disability and has the completed paperwork from a licensed Mental Health Provider:

- For Texas Residents, the licensed Mental Health Provider must be stationed in Texas; or
- For Non-Texas Residents, you must have completed paperwork from a licensed Mental Health Provider from the state in which you were diagnosed in; and
- has completed and submitted all required paperwork to the Accessibility Support Center and Student Housing and Residential Life; and
- the ESA is necessary to afford the student/guest with a disability an equal opportunity to use and enjoy a dwelling; and
- there is an identifiable relationship or nexus between the disability and the support the ESA provides.

Note that UHCL Counseling Services is not able to provide students or guests with the appropriate paperwork/documentation needed from a licensed Mental Health Provider.

The ESA will be restricted to the student's/guest's immediate unit/living space. The ESA may not be permitted in common areas throughout the residence hall, to enter classrooms, recreational facilities or other campus buildings. Requests for accommodations beyond the residential scope will be assessed on a case-by-case basis.

The ESA must be contained (boxed, caged, crated, tanked, etc.) any time the student/guest owner is not in the residential unit/living space.

Please initial below as an understanding of the agreement between you and Student Housing and Residential Life:

____ The ESA may not be of the reptile, snake, or exotic variety. Exceptions are made on a case-by-case basis.

____ Generally, only one ESA is allowed in each residential unit/living space.

____ The student/guest owner is responsible for the care and well-being of the animal.

____ The student/guest owner is responsible for controlling the animal and its behavior.

____ The student/guest owner is responsible (both personally and financially) for all cleaning, damages, and/or treatment associated with the animal, including but not limited to, the safe removal of waste, any damages made to any part/area of the housing facility, pest infestations, and/or treatment deemed necessary by Student Housing and Residential Life.

- ____ If the ESA or its dwelling/belongings/supplies are disruptive to the living environment for others (i.e. barking, making loud noises, producing significant odors, etc.) or if there is damage done to the residence hall or campus facilities, the ESA will need to be removed from the premises within 48 hours of notice being given.
- ____ The student's guest owner is responsible for educating others in the campus community on how to interact with the ESA.
- ____ ESAs need to be well cared for, clean and hygienic.
- ____ ESA must be in good health with regular checkups and must comply with all state and local licensure and vaccination requirements.
- ____ Documentation of vaccinations, licensure, and a flea prevention method (as applicable) are required if the student/guest owner and ESA reside in campus housing facilities. Documentation will be electronically or in-person and retained by Student Housing and Residential Life.
- ____ Animals that may fundamentally alter the University of Houston – Clear Lake operations may not be allowed.
- ____ Animals that may cause or have caused substantial physical damage may not be allowed.
- ____ Animals cannot be a threat to the health or safety of others.
- ____ A sticker identifying that room as a room with an animal will be placed on the door to help staff know prior to entering the room that there is an animal in the room.

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| Student/Guest Name - Printed | Student/Guest Signature | Date |
| Residence Hall | Room Number | |
| Documents Submitted Date | | |

SHRL Office Use Only:

Director Signature: _____ **Date:** _____