



Request for an Emotional Support Animal (ESA) in Campus Housing

This form was created under guidance from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to support an individualized review for a student's request for an emotional support animal in campus housing at UVM. There are four (4) parts to this request form:

PART 1: STUDENT ESA REQUEST

To be completed by the student (page 2). Indicates the student's request and identifies the specific animal they are requesting as the ESA.

PART 2: ESA SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

To be completed by the mental health care provider (pages 3-5). The provider should be a licensed mental health care professional with a history of providing care to the student and who has recommended the proposed ESA as part of a therapeutic treatment plan. Documentation purchased through a website who obtains information regarding the student's disability-related need for an ESA via an online questionnaire and/or brief interview is typically not sufficient for determining eligibility of an ESA.

PART 3: VETERINARIAN CERTIFICATION FOR ESA (Required for cats, dogs, rabbits)

To be completed by a veterinarian (page 6). Certification must confirm that: 1) immunizations are current, 2) rabies vaccination is current, 3) the animal has been spayed or neutered, and 4) the animal is at least 6 months old.

PART 4: EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

To be completed by the student (page 7). In the unlikely event that the student is unable to care for the ESA, an emergency contact will be responsible for assuming care of the animal. Provide two (2) emergency contacts.

Requests are complete and will be reviewed for eligibility when:

- All four (4) parts of the form are submitted to Student Accessibility Services (SAS), and
- The student has met with their Specialist regarding this request.

Requests completed within 3 weeks of the start of the semester may not be reviewed for up to 5 weeks.

Submit this completed form to Student Accessibility Services (SAS) in one of the following ways:

- **Email:** access@uvm.edu
- **Fax:** 802-656-0739
- **Mail:** Student Accessibility Services, UVM, 633 Main Street A-170 Living/Learning, Burlington, VT 05405
- **Submit the form online via Accommodate:** go.uvm.edu/accommodate

If you need help or have questions about this form, call Student Accessibility Services at 802-656-7753.

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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE STUDENT

Student: _____ Name of Animal: _____

Date: _____ Animal Type/Breed: _____

UVM Student ID#: _____ Age of Animal: _____

Semester/Year Request is for: _____ Length of Ownership: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

LIMITATIONS

1. SAS typically determines eligibility for ONLY ONE ANIMAL as an ESA. Do not request bonded pair ESAs.
2. ESAs must be housebroken and be under the student's control. Disruptive or harmful behavior could result in the removal of the animal.
3. Depending on the size of the animal, SAS may require the student to crate or cage the ESA whenever the student leaves their residence. This is to ensure the safety of the animal if UVM staff, such as maintenance workers or housing staff, must enter the residence in the student's absence.
4. Space in campus residences is limited. Despite eligibility, UVM reserves the right to disallow a specific animal due to the animal's size.
5. UVM is not responsible for the animal while on campus, including any injury that may occur to or be caused by the animal.
6. While a student may be determined eligible for an ESA, the identified animal must also be determined eligible through SAS's interactive process. Animals who may be more likely to cause a threat to health, be disruptive, or escape from the student's residence may be determined ineligible where appropriate controls would not mitigate these possibilities. Examples include ferrets due to strong natural order, poisonous or constrictor snakes, and some small rodents and reptiles due to their ability to fit through small spaces and escape.
7. Rabbits, puppies, or kittens under six (6) months of age will not be eligible as an ESA in campus housing.
8. SAS requires veterinary certification for rabbit, feline, and canine ESAs to ensure safety.

I have read and understand the limitations above, and I consent to allow my health care provider to share any information relevant to my request for an ESA accommodation.

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____