

### 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 the UHCL Counseling and Mental Health Center 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.

