

SERVICE AND ASSISTANCE ANIMAL POLICY

I. Purpose of the Policy

limits one or more major life activities. Demonstrating this need requires documentation from a treating medical or mental health provider (not related to the student) certifying that the assistance animal is part of a prescribed treatment plan for the disabling condition that alleviates one or more identified symptoms or effects of a person's disability.

It is important to note that assistance animals may be identified by various names including "companion animal," "therapy animal," or "emotional support animal."

C. Pet

A domesticated animal kept in the home for pleasure and companionship, rather than for the purpose of assisting persons with disabilities. A pet is considered neither a service animal nor an assistance animal. Pets are not therefore covered by these requirements and related policies. Residents are not permitted to keep pets, except fish, on college property.

- b. The student owner/handler is responsible for ensuring the animal does not interfere with the routine activities and daily operations of the residential areas or cause difficulties for students or staff who reside and work in these areas. Members of the residential community must be sensitive to individuals with allergies to or fear of animals. In the event of an emergency, the student owner/handler must be able to provide the following information:

- e. Animals must be boarded should the student leave his/her residence for more than 24 hours. Should the student be away from the residence for more than 10 days, appropriate arrangements for the animal to have appropriate care must be made by the student.

4. Animal Cleanliness and Waste

- a. The student is responsible for properly containing and disposing of all animal waste as follows:
- i. Indoor animal waste, such as cat litter, must be placed in a sturdy plastic bag and tied securely before being disposed of in outdoor trash receptacles. Boxes should be placed on mats so that feces and urine are not tracked onto carpeted surfaces.
 - ii. Outdoor animal waste, such as dog feces, must be immediately retrieved by the student, placed in a plastic bag and securely tied before being disposed in outdoor trash receptacles. For visually impaired students, a designated area for service and assistance animal waste will be agreed upon in advance.
 - iii. In the event that the student does not get the animal to their designated relief area and the animal has an "accident," it is the student's responsibility to remove and properly dispose of any waste. Indoor "accidents" are expected to be cleaned with appropriate disinfectant cleaning supplies.
- b. The student must see that the animal's cleanliness is maintained. This includes taking care of any excess fur, odors, and taking reasonable precautions to avoid flea, tick, or pest infestations. The student has an obligation to make sure that the residential area is as clean as those without an animal. Regular (nc)4 (ep1-2 (s))TJ -004 Tw [(ex)-143c12r)-1 (e t)-6 (l

