



Scripps College – Emotional Support Animal Agreement

Per the federal Fair Housing Act, Scripps College provides reasonable accommodations for Emotional Support Animals (“ESA”) in the residence halls. An ESA is an animal that provides emotional support or alleviates one or more of the identified symptoms or effects of a person’s disability.

I. Eligibility

A. A student is eligible for an ESA accommodation if:

1. The student has a documented disability with Academic Resources and Services (ARS)/Student Disability Support Services (SDSS); and
2. The student submits documentation from a healthcare provider substantiating that the animal provides emotional support or alleviates one or more of the identified symptoms or effects of the student’s disability.

II. Student Obligations.

A. This Emotional Support Animal Agreement is between sets forth the student’s obligation with respect to the student being provided an ESA accommodation during the academic. As the College’s policy prohibits the housing of animals without the permission of the College, you agree to the following terms and conditions when granted such permission:

1. Student agrees to keep the ESA under their control at all times.
2. ESAs are only allowed with the respective assigned residence hall room and traversing of common spaces when entering or leaving the residence hall. ESAs Animals are not allowed in lounges, hallways, stairwells, kitchens, other student rooms, or other College-owned buildings.
3. When leaving the room, the ESA shall be restrained with a leash or transported in a cage or appropriate container. While the ESA is in common areas for the sole purpose of leaving/entering the building the ESA must be under the control of student at all times. If on a leash, an identification tag must be prominently displayed.

4. Student agrees that student will not leave the ESA unattended for an unreasonable period of time, which will depend on the species. Student agrees to coordinate alternative off-campus housing plans for the ESA in the event it is necessary.

5. ESAs must be housebroken. Student must remove, or arrange for the removal of, the ESA's waste and dispose of all waste in a timely manner. Waste must be disposed in an outside trash receptacle, never indoors.

6. Student must ensure that the ESA does not create persistent odor, noise, or disturbance.

7. An ESA may not constitute a direct threat to the health and safety of others or a direct threat to damage of College property. For example; if a roommate has asthma, allergies or fear of the ESA it is not reasonable for that ESA to live within the room/apartment. Efforts would be made to find other housing arrangements.

8. If the ESA is a dog, student must comply with City of Claremont dog control and licensing laws, and with all responsibilities regarding animal rights and all other owner responsibilities. A copy of the license must be kept on record in the SDSS office.

9. Student understands that if the animal causes physical harm to any person (i.e. a student, staff member, faculty member, campus visitor) the College animal may order the animal be immediately removed from the College.

10. Student agrees to be financially responsible for any damages caused by the ESA. As with anyone living in campus housing, the College may bill student for damage beyond normal wear and tear or for necessary cleaning above and beyond the standard cleaning of the room. This includes, but is not limited to, damage to furniture, carpets, wood floors, windows, and/or balconies. Student must notify the College immediately if/when such damages occur.

11. If fleas, ticks, or other pests are detected through routine inspection, Student will be responsible for the expense of pest treatment beyond standard pest management used in College housing. The College reserves the right to disallow an ESA in the event of flea, tick or pest infestation.

12. Student agrees and understands that this agreement is limited for the ONE ESA approved by ARS/SDSS.

13. Student must provide verification of vaccinations from a qualified veterinarian. If needed, vaccinations must be updated annually or as long as the ESA resides within the residential halls of the College.

14. Student agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the College from any liability, injury or property damage resulting from the presence or actions of the ESA during the time that the ESA is on College-owned or -operated premises.

15. Student is required to renew their ESA accommodation annually with ARS/SDSS by the deadline set by the College.

III. Withdrawal of Consent to Specific ESA.

