
Emotional Support Animal Policies & Guidelines for University Housing

Part III. Criteria for Determining If Presence of the ESA is Reasonable

- A. University housing is unique in several aspects including the mandatory assignment of roommates for many individuals and the mandate that individuals must share a room or suite in certain residence halls. To ensure that the presence of ESAs is not an undue administrative burden or fundamental alteration of University housing, UNE reserves the right to assign an individual with an ESA to a single room without a roommate.
- B. The Student Access Center may consult with Residence Life in making a determination on a case-by-case basis of whether the presence of an ESA is reasonable.
- C. A request for an ESA may be denied as unreasonable if the presence of the animal:
 - 1. imposes an undue financial and/or administrative burden;
 - 2. fundamentally alters University housing policies;
 - 3. poses a direct threat to the health and safety of others such as aggressive behavior or potential transmission of zoonotic diseases; or would cause substantial property damage to the property of others, including University property; and/or

wear and tear.

UNE will not limit room assignments for individuals with ESAs to any particular building or buildings because the individual needs an ESA because of a disability.

Part IV. Access to University Facilities by ESAs

A. ESAs

An ESA must be contained within the Owner's privately assigned individual living accommodations (e.g., room, suite, apartment) except to the extent the individual is taking the animal out for natural relief. When an ESA is outside the private individual living accommodations, it must be in an animal carrier or controlled by a leash or harness. ESAs are not allowed in any University facilities other than University residence halls (e.g. dormitories, suites, apartments, etc.) to which the individual is assigned.

B. Dominion and Control

Notwithstanding the restrictions set forth herein, the ESA must be properly housed and restrained or otherwise under the dominion and control of the Owner at all times. No Owner shall permit the animal to go loose or run at large. If an animal is found running at large, the animal is subject to capture and confinement and immediate removal from University housing.

Part V. Owner's Responsibilities for ESA

If the University grants an Owner's request to live with an ESA, the Owner is solely responsible for the custody and care of the ESA and must meet the following requirements:

A. General Responsibilities

1. The Owner must abide by current city, county, and state ordinances, laws, and/or regulations pertaining to licensing, vaccination, and other requirements for animals. It is the Owner's responsibility to know and understand these ordinances, laws, and regulations. Animals must be spayed or neutered at the appropriate age. The University has the right to require documentation of compliance with such ordinances, laws, and/or regulations, which may include a vaccination certificate. The University reserves the right to request documentation showing that the animal

University-approved pest control service. The Owner will be billed for the expense of any pest treatment above and beyond standard pest management in the residence halls. The University shall have the right to bill the Owner's account for unmet obligations under this provision.

6. The Owner must fully cooperate with University personnel with regard to meeting the terms of this Policy and developing procedures for care of the animal (e.g., cleaning the animal, feeding/watering the animal, designating an outdoor relief area, disposing of feces, etc.).
7. The animal must respond to voice or hand commands at all times, and be in full control of the Owner. To the extent possible, the animal should be unobtrusive to other individuals in the living environment.
8. ESAs may not be left overnight in University housing to be cared for by any individual other than the Owner. If the Owner is to be absent from his/her residence hall overnight or longer, the animal must accompany the Owner.
9. For the safety and public health of all residents, visitors and UNE staff, all ESAs must be contained in their Owner's shared dormitory suite and not in common areas outside of the owner's assigned suite. All ESAs must also be crated or caged in their Owner's dorm room whenever the Owner is not present in the room.
10. The Owner will provide an emergency contact to both the Office of Housing and Student Access Center. The Owner identifies this individual as someone local who can care for the animal in case of emergency. Without this information, the University will board the animal at the Owner's expense.
11. The Owner agrees to abide by all -4(os270.53 Tm87.33)4(f)-4(ee)6(d)5(in)-4(g/)-2(w)5(at)-5(er)-2(i)

