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Emotional Support Animals (ESA) in College Housing

A request to have an ESA in college housing is considered a request for accommodation.

HUD/Fair Housing regulation provides that emotional support animals be considered a reasonable accommodation in campus housing. Since HUD/Fair Housing regulations apply only to housing facilities the animal may not be allowed in other areas of campus. In order for an emotional support animal to be considered a reasonable accommodation, the following must be documented:

1. The individual qualifies as a person with a disability (i.e., has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities);
2. A relationship exists between the disability and the relief the animal provides.
3. The ESA is necessary to afford the individual with a disability an equal opportunity to use and enjoy residential living (i.e., that the animal would provide emotional support that ameliorates one or more symptoms or effects of the disability).

All requests will be considered on a case-by-case basis consistent with applicable laws. PSC is committed to ensuring that the needs of all people with disabilities are met and will determine how to resolve any conflicts or problems as expeditiously as possible.

If an individual has a disability that may be affected by the presence of animals, the Office of Center for Accommodative Services (CAS) should be contacted.