

# Emotional Support Animal (ESA) Accommodation Request Supplement

## Hampshire College Office of Accessibility Resources and Services (OARS)

Please ensure you have filled out the Supporting Documentation Form for Care Providers (found at <https://www.hampshire.edu/oars/disability-disclosure-and-accommodation-request>) prior to this supplement.

Hampshire College has a no-pets policy in residences to prevent animal neglect and interpersonal conflict due to allergies, noise complaints, or aggressive animals. As a result, when a student requests to keep an Emotional Support Animal (ESA) in on-campus housing, OARS asks providers to answer additional specific questions so our office can make a reasonable determination of whether this is an appropriate, reasonable accommodation for the student.

### PROFESSIONAL COMPLETES THIS SECTION

1. How long have you been working with the student to address functional limitations related to the need for an ESA?

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2. How will symptoms be mitigated by the presence of the animal? What evidence is there that the animal has benefitted/will benefit the student?

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3. How does the student's need for the animal relate to their ability to live on a college campus or access and function in academic programs?

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4. How might the stress of caring for the animal full-time in a residential college environment exacerbate the effects of the student's disability?

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5. What is the degree of importance to the student's well-being that the animal be in residence on campus?

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6. What consequences related to the disability might there be if the accommodation is not approved?

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7. Are there any alternative accommodation(s) that would similarly mitigate the effects of the student's disability on the ability to enjoy college residential housing?

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**Treating Professional Name, Title** (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

### STUDENT COMPLETES THIS SECTION

Animal Type: \_\_\_\_\_

Animal Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Animal weight: \_\_\_\_\_ (As per policy, any emotional support animals residing on campus is not allowed to exceed 35 lbs.)

- ☐ I have read animal policies in the handbook ( <https://handbook.hampshire.edu> ) and know I will be expected to adhere to the expectations of these policies.
- ☐ If approved, I will need to sign off on acknowledgement of these policies each year and provide documentation relevant to the health and licensing of my animal BEFORE IT ARRIVES TO CAMPUS.

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Student Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please send documentation forms to:

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