

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?

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?

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?

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?

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

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?

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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