

Caltech Accessibility Services for Students
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Emotional Support Animal Agreement

An “emotional support animal” is an animal that alleviates one or more symptoms or effects of a student’s disability, and is necessary to afford that student an equal opportunity to use and enjoy College housing. An ESA may be necessary to provide physical assistance, emotional support, calming, stability or other kinds of assistance. Consistent with Federal and State law, Caltech permits students with disabilities to have an ESA reside with them in Caltech housing, if the presence of the animal is necessary for the individual’s full benefit, enjoyment, and use of the housing facilities.

Emotional support animals are ordinarily only allowed within Caltech Housing in pre-designated locations. If a roommate or other students in the building have asthma or allergies, or fears the animal, or the building is designated for students with allergies, efforts will be made to find an alternative housing arrangement for the student and the . Caltech does not allow ESAs in any other housing common areas, campus buildings or rooms anywhere on campus, other than the housing that is occupied by the registered student.

Requirements of ESAs and their owners:

- The presence of the animal cannot constitute a direct threat to the health or safety of others. Dangerous, disruptive and/or aggressive behavior on the part of the animal may result in you being asked to remove the animal from Caltech Housing immediately.
- You must keep the animal harnessed, leashed or tethered at all times unless these devices interfere with the animal’s work or your disability prevents using these devices, in which case you must maintain control of the animal through voice, signal, or other effective controls.
- You are responsible for the health, safety, and behavior of the animal. This includes:
 - Compliance with any laws pertaining to animal licensing and owner identification. CASS will need evidence of this compliance before final ESA approval.
 - Cleaning up after the animal, including the sanitary disposal of animal waste. Animals must be housebroken.
 - Any property damage or bodily injury caused by the animal.

- Any roommate/s must voluntarily agree to live with the animal, and sign a roommate agreement to that affect.

Any violation of these requirements may result in revocation of approval for the ESA. Caltech will not permit ESAs to remain on campus if they cause substantial physical damage to the property of others, pose an undue financial and administrative burden or fundamentally alter the nature of the Institute's operations.

Your request for an ESA has been approved in the following Caltech Housing location:

_____ and is subject to the terms and conditions of this agreement.

I, (print name), have read, understand, and agree to abide by Caltech's Emotional Support Animal Policy and this agreement.

Student Name

Student Signature

Date

CASS Staff Signature