

### Service Animal Agreement

Students/guests may be permitted to have a Service Animal within on-campus housing facilities if approved by the [Accessibility Support Center](#), and the animal is able to be accommodated within the residence halls.

This form must be submitted and approved prior to the animal entering on-campus housing and/or occupying the assigned space.

**Student/Guest Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Animal Type and Breed** \_\_\_\_\_

**Animal's Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Most Recent Rabies Vaccination Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

(Record must be attached)

**Spayed or Neutered Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

(Record must be attached)

**A student/guest may be permitted to have a service animal in a campus housing unit as a reasonable accommodation if:**

The student/guest has a verifiable disability and/or approved reason, and has the completed paperwork from a licensed Mental Health Provider:

- For Texas Residents, the licensed Mental Health Provider must be stationed in Texas; or
- For Non-Texas Residents, you must have completed paperwork from a licensed Mental Health Provider from the state in which you were diagnosed in; and
- has completed and submitted all required paperwork to the Accessibility Support Center and Student Housing and Residential Life; and
- the service animal is necessary to afford the student/guest with a disability an equal opportunity to use and enjoy a dwelling; and
- there is an identifiable relationship or nexus between the disability and the support the service animal provides.

Note that UHCL Counseling Services is not able to provide students or guests with the appropriate paperwork/documentation needed from a licensed Mental Health Provider.

The service animal will be restricted to the student's/guest's immediate unit/living space and common areas, when being used by the student. The service animal may not be permitted to enter classrooms, recreational facilities or other campus buildings. Requests for accommodations beyond the residential scope will be assessed on a case-by-case basis, by the Accessibility Support Center.

The service animal must be contained (boxed, caged, crated, tanked, etc.) any time the student owner is not in the residential unit/living space.

**Please initial below as an understanding of the agreement between you and Student Housing and Residential Life:**

\_\_\_\_ The service animal may not be of the reptile, snake, or exotic variety. Exceptions are made on a case-by-case basis.

\_\_\_\_ Generally, only one service animal is allowed in each residential unit/living space.

\_\_\_\_ The student/guest owner is responsible for the care and well-being of the animal.

\_\_\_\_ The student/guest owner is responsible for controlling the animal and its behavior.

- \_\_\_\_ The student/guest owner is responsible (both personally and financially) for all cleaning, damages, and/or treatment associated with the animal, including but not limited to, the safe removal of waste, any damages made to any part/area of the housing facility, pest infestations, and/or treatment deemed necessary by Student Housing and Residential Life.
- \_\_\_\_ If the service animal or its dwelling/belongings/supplies are disruptive to the living environment for others (i.e. barking, making loud noises, producing significant odors, etc.) or if there is damage done to the residence hall or campus facilities, the service animal will need to be removed from the premises within 48 hours of notice being given.
- \_\_\_\_ The student/guest owner is responsible for educating others in the campus community on how to appropriately interact with the animal.
- \_\_\_\_ Service animals need to be well cared for, clean and hygienic.
- \_\_\_\_ The animal must be in good health with regular checkups and must comply with all state and local licensure and vaccination requirements.
- \_\_\_\_ Documentation of vaccinations, licensure, and a flea prevention method (as applicable) are required if the student owner and service animal reside in campus housing facilities. Documentation will be electronically or in-person and retained by Student Housing and Residential Life.
- \_\_\_\_ Animals that may fundamentally alter the University of Houston – Clear Lake operations may not be allowed.
- \_\_\_\_ Animals that may cause or have caused substantial physical damage may not be allowed.
- \_\_\_\_ Animals cannot be a threat to the health or safety of others.
- \_\_\_\_ A sticker identifying that room as a room with an animal will be placed on the door to help staff know prior to entering the room that there is an animal in the room.

Student/Guest Name - Printed	Student/Guest Signature	Date
Student ID #	Residence Hall	Room Number
Documents Submitted Date		

**SHRL Office Use Only:**

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