Office for Accessibility and Educational Opportunity

Emotional Support Animal Agreement

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This student has been approved by the Office for Accessibility and Educational Opportunity (AEO) for the housing accommodation of an Emotional Support Animal (ESA) to live with him/her/them in on-campus Vassar College housing.

Student Handler Information:

Student Name:_____ Student ID: _____

Email: _____ Phone Number:_____

Campus Address:_____

Type of Animal: _____ Name of Animal:_____

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Physical Description of Animal: _____

Your signature on this agreement indicates that you understand the following:

- All students must comply with all College rules regarding noise, safety, disruption, and cleanliness.
- The Student Handler must ensure that the Emotional Support Animal does not create persistent odor, noise, or disturbance.
- ESAs must be housebroken. The Student Handler must remove, or arrange for the removal of, the animal's waste and dispose of all waste in a timely manner. Waste must be disposed in an outside trash receptacle, never indoors.
- When leaving the room/suite/apartment, the ESA shall be restrained with a leash or transported in a cage or appropriate container. If on a leash, an identification tag must be prominently displayed.
- The ESA may not be left unattended for any unreasonable length of time, which will depend in part on the species of the animal.
- The ESA must be current with appropriate immunizations and vaccinations and, when applicable, wear a rabies vaccination tag. Current immunizations and vaccinations records must be submitted to Residential Life with this agreement and updated as necessary.

- If the ESA is a dog, the student must comply with Town of Poughkeepsie dog control and licensing laws, and with all responsibilities regarding animal rights and all other owner responsibilities. A copy of the license must be kept on record in the Residential Life office.

- As with anyone living in campus housing, the College may bill the student for damage beyond normal wear and tear or for necessary cleaning above and beyond the standard cleaning of the room.

- If fleas, ticks, or other pests are detected through routine inspection, the student will be responsible for the expense of pest treatment beyond standard pest management used in College housing. The College reserves the right to disallow an ESA in the event of flea, tick or pest infestation.

- The Student Handler must inform the Office for Accessibility and Educational Opportunity within ten (10) days when the ESA is no longer living with the Student Handler.

- The Student Handler must inform Office for Accessibility and Educational Opportunity if the Student Handler is making any room or roommate changes, at which time a new ESA Agreement must be completed.

- The following are some, but not all, circumstances which will prompt the College to withdraw its consent for the Assistance Animal to live in College Housing:
    - The animal is found to be mistreated or neglected by the Student Handler.
    - The animal poses a direct threat to the health or safety of others.
    - The Student Handler does not comply with the above responsibilities.
    - The animal's presence results in a fundamental alteration of the College's program or operations.
    - The animal or its presence creates an unmanageable disturbance or interference.
    - The Student Handler agrees to indemnify and hold harmless Vassar College from any liability, injury or property damage resulting from the presence or actions of the ESA, during the time that the ESA is on College-owned or -operated premises.

The permission you have been granted to house an animal extends to this specific ESA only. If you intend to switch ESAs (i.e., from a cat to a dog, or from one dog to another dog), you must notify the Office for Accessibility and Educational Opportunity (AEO), and the AEO director must authorize the change.

You may be asked to update this agreement if your housing arrangements change or if your approved ESA changes.

Student Handler's Signature: _____ Date: _____

AEO Director's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Alternate Caregiver (optional)

While an Alternate Caregiver is not required, the Student Handler may find it to be helpful to have a designated person in case of emergency. If an Alternate Caregiver is designated**,** in the event the Student Handler is unavailable due to an emergency, the Alternate Caregiver is responsible for fulfilling all obligations of the Student Handler set forth within this document for the entire duration of time that the Student Handler is unavailable. The College is not responsible in the case of an emergency.

Alternate Caregiver Name:_____

Signature:_____

Phone number:_____Email address:_____

Address: _____

In an emergency when the Student Handler is unavailable, Vassar College will attempt to contact the Alternate Caregiver.