

Hiram College

Residential Education Support Animal Contract

This agreement is available to Hiram College students who have been approved by the Disability Services Office to have a Service Animal or a Support Animal accompany them on campus and wish to seek housing in Hiram College Residence Halls. To the extent any portion of this agreement is inconsistent with the Hiram College Service and Support Animal Policy, the provisions of the Hiram College Service and Support Animal Policy shall prevail.

Animal Behavior/Well-Being/Cleanliness

- Dangerous, poisonous, or illegal animals are not permitted to live in Hiram College residence halls.
- If the animal is out of control, not housebroken, or deemed a direct threat (due to aggressive behavior, illness, or cleanliness) its handler may be directed to remove the animal from campus and the animal may not be permitted to return.
- The animal must be leashed or harnessed at all times and may only be off-leash when in its designated residence hall room with its handler subject to the exceptions specified in the Hiram College Service and Support Animal Policy. As provided in the Hiram College Support Animal Policy, the Support Animal must wear a flexible muzzle when the Support Animal is in close proximity to other people to protect others from Support Animal bites subject to the exceptions specified in the Hiram College Support Animal Policy.
- The animal should respond to voice commands at all times and be in the full control of the handler.
- The animal must be in good health and have all veterinarian recommended vaccinations. Documentation of vaccination is due with this agreement.
- The animal must be treated humanely.
- The animal must remain free of fleas, ticks, or other pests. If an infestation is suspected resident hall staff will enter and evaluate the room and any extermination deemed necessary will be completed by the Hiram College approved exterminator at the student's expense.

Student Responsibilities

- The student is responsible for any financial and legal responsibilities brought on by the Support Animal.
 - o This includes any damages to residence hall property or medical bills sustained from interaction with the animal.
- The student must notify the Director of Residential Education and the Disability Services Office if the animal is no longer needed.
- If a new Support Animal is needed the animal will first need to be registered with the Disability Services Office. After that registration, a new contract with Residential Education will need to be completed.
- All roommates must sign the roommate portion of this agreement.
- Indemnity clause
- The handler should ensure, to the extent possible, that the animal not display behaviors that are disruptive to others, unless part of the service being provided.
- The handler must ensure that the animal does not block an aisle or passage for fire egress.
- The handler is responsible for the immediate clean-up and disposal of the animal's waste in an appropriate outdoor waste receptacle.

By signing this document I recognize, understand, and agree to all of the terms as outlined above.

Student's Signature _____

Date _____

Director of Residential Education _____

Date _____