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Emotional Support Animal (ESA) Policy

Below are important rules and responsibilities on owner care and handling of an Emotional Support Animal (ESA) at Lafayette College. Please review the information and discuss any questions or concerns with Accessibility Services and/or Residence Life.

BEFORE BRINGING THE ANIMAL TO CAMPUS

- The ESA must comply with all applicable laws, as well as all Pennsylvania licensure and vaccination requirements. A current license and vaccination record for your ESA will be required prior to moving into the residence hall with the ESA. This information must remain current during the period of this approval and be presented to Accessibility Services.
- Cats and dogs under the age of one year are generally not permitted.
- Your ESA must be house trained, which includes litter box training and/or trained to relieve itself outside. Once on campus, any accidents must be cleaned immediately using appropriate cleaning products. Litter boxes, crates, kennels, and any other device in which the animal is kept must be cleaned daily. Waste must be bagged in plastic bags and securely tied. Waste must be disposed of in outdoor trash receptacles. Litter, bedding, etc of any type may not be disposed of anywhere in your residence, such as in a trash can, or in toilets or drains.

RESIDENCE HALL EXPECTATIONS

- The ESA should reside in your bedroom and not any space shared with another resident (such as the bathroom or kitchen) or outside the residence hall. The ESA is not permitted in common spaces in your building (such as lounges), other residences, dining halls, academic buildings, or any other space outside of your room, with the exception of when being taken for a walk or transported off campus.
- If the ESA is in the room when you are not in your room, the ESA must remain in its crate/cage/or similar product to allow for safe entry of College personnel who may need to enter your residence for maintenance or safety purposes.
- The ESA is not to leave the residence except with you for, as applicable, walks, visits to the veterinarian, etc. While on College property, the ESA must be under your control at all times, whether in your room in the residence or outside. When transporting the ESA outside, you must use a leash or carrier.
- If the ESA leaves the residential facility and is not in a crate, kennel, or any other device in which the animal is kept, the ESA must wear a collar, which must include your contact information, at all times.

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- You may not leave your animal in the residence if you leave the residence for 24 hours or more. For example, the ESA may not remain in residence if you leave your room for an extended period, such as: (1) for longer than a day of classes, (2) a trip which will last overnight or longer, and (3) during break periods. The ESA has been approved to live in the residence with you and under your care. Therefore, you cannot leave your ESA with other students in the residence or have anyone else come to your room with the intent to take care of the ESA. If you are not able to bring the ESA with you, you are expected to find a non college owned off-campus location to provide care for the ESA while you are away.
- If an ESA is found unattended in a residence (except during your time in classes, etc.) or it is learned that you have left the animal unattended in violation of the above paragraph, the ESA will be subject to removal from the building and boarded elsewhere at the ESA owner's expense.
- The ESA must not pose a threat or disruption of any kind to roommates or others in the residence or the Lafayette community.
 - If the ESA poses a threat, injury or disruption of any kind, (1) the ESA may be removed from the building (either permanently or temporarily) and/or boarded elsewhere at the ESA's owner's expense and/or (2) Accessibility Services may revoke the accommodation and you may be required to remove the ESA from the residence.

STUDENT OBLIGATIONS

- You are responsible for all damages or injuries to either property or person(s) resulting from your ESA. Damages in your room or residence hall resulting from an ESA may result in charges to your account.
- If you decide you no longer will have the ESA in residence you must notify Residence Life who will also notify Accessibility Services.
- If you wish to replace the ESA with a different animal, such as replacing a cat with a dog, you must reapply through Accessibility Services for a new accommodation.

COLLEGE OBLIGATIONS

- Lafayette College reserves the right to exclude or remove any animal that poses a direct threat to the health or safety of others or creates an unreasonable and unmanageable disturbance to the community.
- **COVID-19 Addendum as of January 2021: Due to COVID-19 developments, the College reserves the right to change these policies and procedures without notice. If an ESA owner is quarantined, the College reserves the right to ask that the student make immediate arrangements for the care of the animal off-campus.**

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