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EMOTIONAL SUPPORT ANIMAL OWNER'S RESPONSIBILITIES

A student who is approved for an Emotional Support Animal (ESA) will be required to meet with the Residence Life Housing staff to review and agree to the following requirements. Failure to follow these requirements may result in Panola College requesting removal of the ESA from campus housing.

An ESA must be contained within the privately assigned student living accommodations (room, suite, or apartment), except to the extent the student is taking the animal out for natural relief. When an ESA is outside of the student's private living accommodation, the animal must either be controlled by a leash or harness or contained in an animal carrier. **ESAs are not permitted in any Panola College facilities**, including the commons buildings, other than the residential building to which the student is assigned.

Student's Responsibilities as the ESA Owner:

- The student must abide by current city, county, and state ordinances, laws, and/or regulations pertaining to licensing, vaccination, and other requirements for animals. The student must know and understand these ordinances, laws, and regulations. Panola College has the right to require documentation of compliance with such ordinances, laws, and/or regulations, which may include a vaccination certificate or a veterinarian's statement regarding the animal's health. Panola College reserves the right to request documentation showing that the animal has been licensed.
- All ESAs **MUST** be spayed/neutered prior to being on campus.
- The student is required to clean up after and properly dispose of animal's feces in a safe and sanitary manner. If the animal is a dog, the dog must be housebroken and kennel trained.
- In the case of an emergency, Panola College is not responsible for evacuating the animal.
- Panola College will not ask for or require a student with a disability to pay a surcharge or comply with other requirements generally not applicable to people without animals.
- The student **is** financially responsible for any and all actions of the animal, including but not limited to, bodily injury or property damage, such as furniture or floor coverings replacement. The student may be charged for any damage caused by the ESA that is beyond reasonable wear and tear. The student's living accommodation must be kept clean with no odors from the ESA. The student's living accommodation may be inspected for fleas, ticks, or other pests if necessary. If fleas, ticks, or other pests are detected through inspections, the living accommodation will be treated using approved fumigation methods by a Panola College-approved licensed pest control service. The student will be billed for the expense of any pest treatment above and beyond standard pest management in the college. Panola College shall have the right to bill the student's account for unmet obligations under this provision.



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- The student is responsible for the appropriate management of the animal. Disruptive and/or aggressive behavior by the animal cannot be permitted, and if it occurs, the animal will need to be removed from college housing.
- The ESA may **not** be left alone overnight in college housing to be cared for by another student. The ESA may **not** be housed in another student's living accommodation. If the student is to be gone overnight or for a prolonged period, the ESA must accompany the student.
- The student agrees to abide by all equally-applicable policies that are unrelated to the student's disability such as assuring that the ESA does not unduly interfere with the routine activities of the residence or cause difficulties for other students residing in the college housing.
- The ESA is permitted in college housing only as long as it is necessary due to the student's disability. The student must notify the college, in writing, if the animal is no longer needed or is no longer in residence. To replace an ESA, the student must submit a new request to demonstrate that the new animal is necessary due to the student's disability.
- If it is necessary for the animal to be removed from college housing premises, the student is obligated to fulfill the Resident Life Housing and Food Services Contract obligations for the remainder of the contract term.