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	EMOTIONAL SUPPORT ANIMALS IN UNIVERSITY HOUSING
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	Emotional support animals (ESAs) may reside with the individual on campus if the animal is necessary for the individual to have the full benefit, enjoyment, and use of the residential facility.

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The university has a separate policy regarding the presence of service animals on campus since ESAs are not service animals.

According to recent court cases, a university residence hall is considered a student's residence, and issues pertaining to ESAs for individuals with disabilities are governed by FHA (Fair Housing Act) rules.

Relevant cases and other documents:

University of Nebraska at Kearney (UNK) (<http://www.justice.gov/opa/file/767276/download>, September 2015)

Kent State University (<http://www.justice.gov/opa/file/809811/download>, January 2016)

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development FHEO Notice (issued January 28, 2020)  
<https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/PA/documents/HUDAsstAnimalNC1-28-2020.pdf>

Residents requesting permission to keep an approved ESA in university housing will need to complete these steps:

- A. Given the necessary coordination and preparation to ensure the proper accommodation is in place, the approved ESA request is due by:
1. May 1 for Fall semester
  2. October 1 for Spring semester
  3. February 1 for Summer term



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F. Removal of Approved ESA

CIU may exclude an approved ESA when (1) the animal poses a direct threat to the health or safety of others; (2) the animal's presence results in a fundamental alteration of CIU's programs or operations; (3) the owner does not comply with owner's responsibilities; or (4) the animal or its presence imposes an undue burden on CIU.

G. Violations

Violations of these or any other CIU housing or campus rules will be reviewed

