



Housing and Residential Life

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Acknowledgment Form for Residents with Companion or Assistive Animals

Residents who have received approval from Housing and Residence Life (Housing) for a companion animal (also referred to as a pet), and residents with disabilities who utilize either a service animal or an emotional support animal (ESA), are required to review ARP 3.45, which regulates the care and maintenance of animals on campus. All residents with animals must acknowledge, by initialing below and signing this form, that they have been made aware of this university rule and agree to abide by it. **A failure to comply with Rule 3.45 may constitute grounds to revoke approval for a companion animal (pet) to reside in university housing. Subject to exceptions made as an accommodation for a particular disability, a failure by an owner, handler or trainer of an animal residing in university housing to comply with Rule 3.45 may result in charges for cleanup, property or other damages; student disciplinary action; eviction; or other civil/criminal legal action as appropriate.**

_____ I have received a copy of *Rule 3.45 - Assistive, Service, and Companion Animals on University Premises*. I understand that it is my responsibility to be in control of the animal at all times, which is described below in more detail. I understand that it is also my obligation as an animal owner or handler to know and abide by applicable laws pertaining to animal control, including maintenance of current vaccination or licensure. I understand that the university has the right to require documentation of compliance with this requirement.

_____ I understand that disruptive and aggressive behavior by animals within university housing and on the campus will not be tolerated, and if it occurs, may necessitate a warning, removal of the animal from university housing or other action such as cancelation of my housing assignment, depending upon the nature of the incident. I understand that if my animal misbehaves in university housing, including creation of undue hardship for others residing in university housing, I will be responsible for resolving the issue, including cooperating and communicating as required for dispute resolution in accordance with Rule 3.45, Part 5, Section G, and/or payment for repairs for damages caused by the animal. Such damage may include bodily injury or property damage, such as furniture or replacement of floor coverings. ***PLEASE NOTE: Damage caused by feces or urine may result in thousands, and thousands of dollars in damages.***

_____ I understand that property damages caused by my companion animal (pet) can result in the cancellation of my housing agreement, and/or may constitute grounds to revoke approval for a companion animal (pet) to reside in university housing.

_____ I understand that I must keep my assigned housing unit sanitary, with no excessive odor caused by the animal. The university may inspect for fleas, ticks, or other pests upon provision of reasonable advance notice sent to the official NMSU email address for the student. If fleas, ticks, or other pests are detected through inspection, the living accommodation will be treated using approved fumigation methods by a university-approved pest control. I understand and agree to pay for the expense of any pest treatment deemed necessary by a professional, above and beyond standard pest management in university housing.

_____ I understand that I am required to clean up after my animal, including proper disposal of feces, in a safe and sanitary manner. Except for service animals in training, for which some leeway will be given, the animal must be housebroken and kennel trained; such leeway will not excuse me as the owner, handler or trainer from responsibility for damages caused by the animal.

_____ I will not leave the animal unattended overnight, nor house it in another student's university housing unit without express written approval. If I am to be gone overnight or for a prolonged period, I will make arrangements for the animal to reside somewhere other than university housing during my absence. In case of an emergency, I understand that I may seek an accommodation or assistance from Housing or Student Accessibility Services, but that I am ultimately responsible for the welfare of the animal and will not hold the university responsible (e.g. the university is not responsible for evacuating the animal).

_____ I understand that except for service animals, and ESA's approved by Student Accessibility Services for specific locations, animals are not allowed in any university facility, including the commons building. If I have an ESA, I will abide by the Accommodation Agreement obtained through Disability Access Services.

_____ I understand that approval for one pet does not necessarily mean that an additional pet or a replacement pet would be approved, and I agree to seek approval for any and all pets.

_____ I understand that I will remain obligated to pay for the housing unit in accordance with the terms of the Housing and Dining contract, if I choose to vacate because my animal is removed for a violation of Rule 3.45.

_____ I agree that the university may bill my student account in the event I fail to timely pay charges related to damages caused by my animal.

_____ I understand that housing reserves the right to cancel, or not renew, my housing assignment in the interest of order, health, safety, or discipline as outlined in my Student Housing Agreement.

Student Printed Name

Student Aggie ID

Student Signature

Date