

University of Wyoming Disability Support Services

Emotional Support Animal Process

Overview

Students wanting an Emotional Support Animal (ESA) in University of Wyoming housing (dorms and apartments) must go through the ESA registration process. According to the Americans with Disabilities Act, an ESA is any animal that provides emotional support alleviating one or more symptoms or effects of a person's disability. ESAs are different from service animals and do not have special training to perform tasks that assist people with disabilities; additionally, the rights for ESAs and service animals are distinct.

Steps to Follow

The following steps must all be completed before an ESA is registered with Disability Support Services and allowed in University housing. **You may not have your animal in your residence until all steps are completed.**

1. Register with DSS via our website
2. Meet with an assigned Disability Resource Coordinator (DRC) to go over documentation requirements for you and your animal
3. Compile your necessary documents from medical provider(s), veterinarian(s), and other relevant sources
4. Submit documentation to your DRC for review
5. Once documentation submitted is adequate, you will be cc'd on an approval email to UW Residence Life for next steps
6. Complete paperwork with Residence Life and acknowledge ESA rights and responsibilities
7. Once Residence Life has confirmed you are approved, you may bring your ESA to your residence
8. Renew your ESA every academic year through DSS with updated vet records and residence information

Please note: Disability Support Services can only approve ESAs for on-campus living. If you are moving to an off-campus location, please discuss any

necessary steps with your landlord. Your DRC may be able to aid in directing you to resources but is not directly involved in this process.