

Service Animal and Emotional-Support Animal Policy

In accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), and the Fair Housing Act (FHA), Cabrini University is committed to accommodating persons with disabilities who require the assistance of a qualified service or emotional-support animal.

- **Service Animal:** A “service animal” is trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability (guiding those with impaired vision, pulling a wheelchair, fetching items, alerting individuals who are hearing impaired about sounds, etc.). The work or tasks the animal provides must be directly related to the disability. Animals whose sole function is to provide comfort or emotional support do not qualify as service animals under the ADA.
- **Emotional-Support Animal:** An “emotional-support animal” provides comfort to an individual with a disability upon recommendation of a healthcare or mental health professional. An emotional -support animal does not assist a person with daily living and instead lives with them, alleviates the symptoms of their disability, and provides companionship, affection, calming influence, or otherwise functions as part of a regimen of psychological treatment. Federal law gives emotional-support animals access to residence halls, but not to the entire campus, unless they also qualify as a service animal.

The University reserves the right to request vaccination and licensing information for animals. Animals authorized to live in University housing must not interfere with others’ enjoyment of residential space (barking, creating unsanitary conditions, etc.).

Care and supervision of the animal is the sole responsibility of the student. The student must maintain control of the animal at all times, is responsible for cleanup of the animal’s waste, and must toilet the animal appropriately. The student is financially responsible for any damage caused by their animal and is must ensure that the animal does not threaten the health and safety of the campus community.

The owner must provide contact information for an alternative caregiver who will take responsibility of the animal and remove it from campus if necessary. This alternative caregiver must reside off-campus and must be available to remove the animal in a timely.

- Dogs must be removed within six hours; all other animals must be removed in no more than 12 hours.
- If an animal is not removed in a timely manner, the University may have it removed.
- If the animal’s needs are not being provided to ensure immediate health and well-being, the University reserves the right to have the animal removed.

Cabrini may consider the following factors, among others, as evidence in determining whether the presence of the animal is reasonable or in the making of housing assignments for individuals with Emotional-Support Animals:

1. The size of the animal is too large for available assigned housing space
2. The animal's presence would force another individual from housing (e.g., serious allergies)
3. The animal's presence otherwise violates individuals' right to sleep, study and/or socialize
4. The animal is not housebroken or is unable to effectively cohabitate with others
5. The animal's vaccinations are not up-to-date
6. The animal poses or has posed a direct threat to the safety of the individual or others (e.g., displays aggressive behavior).
7. The animal causes or has caused damage to housing beyond reasonable wear and tear.

A request may be denied as unreasonable if the presence of the animal:

1. imposes an undue financial and/or administrative burden on the institution
2. fundamentally alters University housing policies
3. poses a direct threat to the health and safety of others or would cause substantial property

Students must complete the following steps to be considered for housing accommodations:

1. Complete Cabrini’s Housing Application from Residence Life and indicate a preference for accommodated housing.
2. Submit page 2 of this request and have a licensed health care provider (physician, psychologist, psychiatrist, etc.) complete and submit pages 3 and 4.
3. Email at ARC@cabrini.edu to schedule an appointment to discuss housing accommodations. Please include several available days and times.

Any questions should be directed to the Accessibility Resource Center at 610.902.1091 or in person at Founder’s Hall, Room 99.

Service Animal and Emotional-Support Animal Request



Students with disabilities can request housing accommodations for an emotional-support animal or service animal by completing this page and submitting it to:

Accessibility Resource Center, Founder's Hall Room 99
Cabrini University
610 King of Prussia Road
Radnor, Pennsylvania 19087-3698

Fax: 610.902.8441
Email: arc@cabrini.edu

Name _____ ID Number _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Emergency Caretaker _____ Phone _____

Semester Requesting Accommodations for Animal: Fall Spring Summer Academic Year _____

Residence Hall Assignment for that Semester _____

Roommates/Suitemates _____

Type of Animal _____ Breed _____

Weight _____ Size (height/length) _____ Sex _____

Please describe the type of living environment this animal needs (e.g., humane conditions regarding size of space, temperature needs, interaction/exercise needs, etc.).

Please describe how you plan to meet the care needs of this animal in the residence hall environment given your academic and extracurricular schedule. Note that the owner is solely responsible for upkeep, feeding, watering, grooming, etc., of the animal. The University will not permit other individuals to access the owner's residential space for animal care.

All steps must be completed for consideration. Initial and date the following steps as completed:

- Any impacted roommates/suitemates have agreed to the presence of the animal if approved
- Documentation of ADA-qualified disability on file with the ARC
- Medical documentation regarding need for Emotional-Support Animal submitted
- Animal Records submitted (Veterinary and vaccination records, license, etc.)
- Completed Emotional-Support Animal Request

I have read the entire Service Animal and Emotional Support Animal policy and understand that I am bound by these policies at all times. I give permission to Residence Life to confirm all my information as reported. I understand that any inaccuracies could result in denial of my request. I understand that requests and/or appeals for an Emotional-Support Animal do not guarantee approval.

Signature _____ Date _____

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Students with disabilities can request housing accommodations for an emotional-support animal or service animal by having a healthcare professional complete pages 3 and 4 of this form.

The healthcare professional should then submit it to:

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Student Waiver:

"I am requesting that information regarding my disability or medical condition be released by

_____ to Cabrini's Accessibility Resource Center, Residence Life, Health Services, and Counseling and Psychological Services."

Student Name _____ Birth Date _____

Student Signature (18 or older) _____ Date _____

This form is to be completed by the student's healthcare provider.

The above person is a current or entering student at Cabrini University and is requesting housing accommodations on the basis of disability. Please respond to the following questions about the student's disability to assist Cabrini University.

Name of Healthcare Provider _____

Specialty _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

License/Certification Number and State of License _____

Date of Initial Contact with Student _____ Date of Last Contact with Student _____

Please provide a clear statement of the condition(s), including the mental health diagnosis, expected duration of condition, and basis for your diagnosis and onset.

Explain how the animal helps alleviate that condition (history of animal as part of treatment plan).

Please provide the positive and adverse effects of any prescribed medications.

Please provide the functional limitations and impact of condition, including those in an academic setting.

Rate the severity of the impact of the condition on the student's performance of major life activities.

Describe your observations of how the animal and patient interact and how long you observe the interaction.

Explain the possible negative effects of the person's not having the animal with him or her.

Please note any training the animal has received from a qualified trainer, if applicable.

Recommended Accommodations - The student is requesting authorization for use of an emotional-support animal in University housing as a reasonable accommodation. If you believe that such use is necessary to enable the student to live on campus, please explain the basis of your medical diagnosis and opinion and why you deem the animal necessary for the student's disability.

I certify that the documentation and statements attached are true and accurate:

Healthcare Professional's Signature _____ Date _____

Please note that we might require more detailed information. If this is necessary, we will provide a follow-up request specifying what additional documentation we require.

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