



Emotional Support Animals

- An **Emotional Support Animal** is not the same as a Service Animal and is not allowed to accompany the student to class or into any building on the university property.
- ESAs provide comfort – for those with various needs from anxiety to depression, etc. Providing comfort/companionship/calming/soothing, etc., is not considered a specific task that requires specific training.
- An Emotional Support Animal must be prescribed by a qualified provider and a specific documentation form filled out by a qualified provider must be submitted to the Student Access & Resource Center along with up-to-date shot records. *An internet certificate is not accepted as supporting documentation.
- Qualified providers are a psychologist, medical doctor, licensed professional counselor, psychiatrist. The student needs to have had an established and ongoing treatment relationship with the provider. The provider must be knowledgeable of the difference between an ESA and a service animal. The provider cannot be a family member.
- Once registered with SAR Center, the animal is allowed in the student's personal housing unit and outdoors on campus property as long as the campus pet policy and ordinances of the City of Arlington are followed. The provider must live in the same home state as the student unless services are provided via a tribal affiliation in neighboring state.

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