



# NORTH CAROLINA AGRICULTURAL AND TECHNICAL STATE UNIVERSITY

## EMOTIONAL SUPPORT ANIMAL

An emotional support animal is an animal selected to play an integral part of a person's treatment process. Such an animal must demonstrate a good temperament and reliable, predictable behavior. An emotional support animal is prescribed to an individual with a disability by a healthcare or mental health professional. Emotional support animal

(ESA's) are not service animals as defined in the Americans with Disabilities Amendments Act of 2008 and are not afforded the same access to campus as a service animal. ESA's must be approved by the Office of Accessibility Resources to reside in the residence halls but are not permitted in other facilities including classrooms, dining halls, libraries and student centers.

**To be eligible to have an emotional support animal at the University, the student MUST provide the following:**

- Documentation that substantiates the need for an ESA on letterhead from a licensed professional that states the diagnosis, treatment history, functional limitations and rationale for having an ESA to alleviate symptoms associated with the student's disability
- A clear photograph of the animal and the cage,
- A veterinarian assessment of the animal, and
- A record of up-to-date vaccinations

**Please note:** The University will not permit animals that are reasonably viewed as high risk.

North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University reserves the right to request that an approved emotional support animal be removed from campus if:

- The owner fails to properly clean up and dispose of the animal's waste.
- The animal demonstrates behavior that is unruly or disruptive (e.g., barking, growling, running around, or displaying unprovoked aggressive behavior toward another person or animal) even if there is only a single occurrence of said behavior
- The animal becomes a direct threat to the health and safety of others (this might include, but is not limited to, the animal's illness, uncleanliness, evidence of mistreatment, neglect or abuse, etc.)

**Damage:** Owners of service or emotional support animals are solely responsible for any damage to persons or property caused by their animals.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*My signature acknowledges my understanding of the statements listed above.*