

# Service and Emotional Support Animals on Campus

This document describes the procedures for the use of service animals by students and employees and emotional support animals by students on Bethany Global University campus. Bethany Global University complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) in allowing use of service animals for students, staff and visitors. Bethany complies with the Fair Housing Act in allowing students the use of emotional support animals that are approved as an accommodation.

## **The care and supervision of the Approved Animal is solely the responsibility of the Owner.**

The Owner is responsible for assuring that the Approved Animal does not unduly interfere or adversely affect the routine activities of other residents and neighbors. In addition, the Approved Animal must not pose a threat to the health, safety, or property of anyone in the community. If the college determines that the Approved Animal threatens the health, safety, or property of anyone in the community, or that the Approved Animal is adversely affecting Bethany programs and activities, the college will take appropriate measures, up to and including a determination that the Approved Animal may no longer be permitted on campus.

## **Responsibility of Persons with Service or Emotional Support Animals:**

### **Overview:**

- **Care and Supervision:** Care and supervision of the animal is the sole responsibility of the individual who benefits from the animal's use. The person is required to maintain control of the animal at all times. The person is also responsible for ensuring the clean-up of the animal's waste and ***must toilet the animal in areas designated by the University.***
- **Vaccination:** The animal must be immunized against disease common to that type of animal. Dogs must have current vaccination against rabies and wear a rabies vaccination tag.
- **Leash:** The animal must be on a leash, if appropriate for the animal, at all times.
- **Liability:** The owner accepts all financial and legal liability and responsibility in the cases of injury, damage, etc.

### **Care and Supervision:**

- Owner must take responsibility for meeting legal requirements regarding licensing.
- Owner must ensure that animals are under control at all times. If an animal exhibits unacceptable behavior, the handler must take effective action to correct the situation.



- Owners may maintain the animal in their assigned room, suite common area or in the hallways while entering or exiting the building and taking the most direct route from the handler's room and outside. When the handler is not present the animal should be housed and secured in the handler's room in an appropriately sized kennel or container.
- Owners must ensure that animals are provided adequate care and treatment.
- Owner may provide food and water to the animal within classrooms.
- Owner must ensure the animal has already been toileted before class and PT. If an emergency arises, the owner must discreetly exit and take the most direct route to toilet the animal.
- Adhere to cleanup rules: Owners must follow local clean up ordinances when their animals defecate. Waste will be disposed of in a sealed bag and placed in an outdoor receptacle.
- The animal must be in good health. Animals to be housed in campus housing must have an annual clean bill of health from a licensed veterinarian. The University has authority to direct that the animal receive veterinary attention.
- Sensitivity to residents with allergies and to those who fear animals is important to ensure the peace of the residential community. Therefore, the student is responsible for ensuring that the animal does not unduly interfere with the routine activities of the residence or cause difficulties for students who reside there.
- The student agrees to continue to abide by all other residential policies. An exception to the policy that otherwise would prohibit having an animal does not constitute an exception to any other policy.

**Vaccination:**

- Owner must take responsibility for meeting legal requirements regarding vaccinations.
- Bethany Global University reserves the right to request an updated verification of vaccinations or the animal's living conditions at any time during the animal's residency.

**Leash:**

- Owner is responsible to attend and be in full control of the emotional support animal at all times. The emotional support animal shall have a harness, leash, tether or be transported in an appropriate enclosure whenever it is outside of the residence hall room where it will be housed.

**Liability:**

- Owners of service or emotional support animals are solely responsible for any damage to persons or property caused by their animals.
- The Owner is financially responsible for the Approved Animal, including for any bodily injury or property damage caused by the Approved Animal. The Owner's financial responsibility may include replacement of furniture, carpet, window, wall covering, and costs of damage to other college owned property, just as any other resident would be responsible for damage. The Owner is expected to cover these costs at the time of repair and/or move-out. The Owner is responsible for any expenses incurred for required cleaning above and beyond a standard cleaning or for repairs to college premises, just as any other resident would be responsible. Any such damages will be assessed after the Owner and Approved Animal vacate housing. The college shall bill the student account for unmet obligations.
- An Emotional Support Animal must be clean and well groomed, and measures should be taken at all times for flea and odor control. If fleas, ticks, or other pests are detected through inspection, the residence hall will be treated using approved fumigation methods by Bethany Global University's approved pest control service. The Owner will be billed for the expense of any pest treatment above and beyond normal required pest management

