UNIVERSITY POLICY
CAMPUS ANIMAL PROCEDURE

POLICY

There are fundamental differences between pets, service animals, therapy animals, and emotional support animals.

Slippery Rock University generally does not permit animals/pets to reside on campus. Some animals, however, are permitted to reside on campus. The animals permitted to reside on campus are: (a) Service Animals, (b) Service-Animals-in-Training from an approved agency, and (c) Emotional Support Animals. Some therapy animals may be allowed on-campus for training purposes.

The University is committed to providing student access to its programs and services. Service Animals and Service-Animals-in-Training from an approved agency are examples of this commitment, they are also addressed in this Procedure. This procedure also deals with a third type of access issue: Emotional Support Animals (hereafter, “ESA”). An ESA is a reasonable accommodation provided to qualified students with a disability who live in a University residence. An ESA will be permitted to live in a student’s personal residence space provided that there is compliance with this procedure.

Definitions

Emotional Support Animals: ESAs are animals that provide emotional support which alleviates one or more identified symptoms or effects of an individual’s disability. An ESA must be recommended by a qualified professional for a student to be permitted to have the ESA stay in the student’s University residence. An ESA is not a Service Animal. Dangerous, poisonous, illegal, and any other animals that pose a direct threat to the health or safety of individuals in the campus community will not be permitted as an ESA. ESAs do not have public access rights.

Pet: A pet is an animal kept for pleasure and companionship; pets often provide emotional support for their owners. A pet is distinguished from an ESA because a pet’s emotional support is not necessary to alleviate one or more identified symptoms or effects of an individual’s disability. A pet is neither an ESA nor a Service Animal. Pets cannot reside on University property and are not permitted inside University buildings without authorization.

Therapy Animals: Therapy animals are only allowed when explicitly connected to the course or discipline (e.g. courses in animal assisted interventions within the Recreational Therapy department) and with pre-approval from the faculty member, department, and Disability Services Office. They typically accompany their handlers into a nursing home or hospital. Therapy animals do not have public access rights.

Service Animals: Service animals are generally allowed to accompany their handlers in residences and any public spaces where their handlers are permitted, including University classrooms, laboratories, studios, and other classroom meeting places. Service Animals do have public access rights. If a Service animal’s role is not apparent by observation, it is permissible to ask the handler: “Is the animal required because of a disability?” “What work or task is the animal trained to perform?”

There is an online network of individuals and organizations selling service animal certification or registrations implying their customers will have the same protections as a qualified American with a
disability with a prescribed medical assistance animal. The United States Department of Justice has repeatedly said that these documents do not convey any rights and they are not to be recognized as proof that a person’s pet is a medical assistance animal (Americansdisabilityrights.org, 2018).

**Owner:** The Owner is the resident student who has an approved ESA in University housing under this procedure.

**University Housing:** Any building or facility owned or operated by the University for the purposes of housing residential students, whether leased or owned.

**Service Animals**

Service Animals are generally allowed to accompany their handlers anywhere their handlers are permitted on campus (exceptions may exist in areas requiring protective equipment or clothing for access).

Students planning to live in a campus residence and utilize a Service Animal or Assistance Animal, are required to provide Housing and Residence Life and the Office of Disability Services, prior to the animal arriving to campus a brief statement indicating:

- You are a person with a disability and will be using a Service Animal.
- The primary service tasks the animal performs.
- All Service Animals are required to have had an appropriate medical exam within the past year and current vaccinations. Please submit a vaccination certificate or letter identifying your animal and indicating a clean bill of health and up to date vaccinations from your veterinary health provider.
- Under the ADA, service animals must be harnessed, leashed, or tethered unless the devices interfere with the animal’s work. In this case the handler must maintain control of the animal through voice, signal or effective controls.
- The handler is financially responsible for the actions of the approved service animal. These actions include bodily injury and property damage. Any damages will be charged to the student’s account.
- At all times, the cost and care maintenance and health and well-being are the responsibility of the handler. Service animals must meet all local ordinances regarding vaccinations and proper licensure.
- As a courtesy to others, as much as possible the handler should ensure that the service animal does not approach and sniff others, dining tables, or personal belongings of others.
- The handler must assure that the service animal does not block emergency exits.
- The animal must display good behavior and not disrupt others unless alerting the handler as appropriately trained.
- Waste cleanup is the responsibility of the handler. If the handler is not able to physically pick up the animal waste, they must hire or establish someone who is able to complete the task. The waste must be properly disposed of in a trash receptacle.
- Service animals may travel freely inside and outside of a residence hall and university owned property.
- The animal can be asked to leave campus if the animal is out of control, a threat to others, not housebroken, or the animal is ill.
- The department of Justice is clear that the following animals are not considered service animals under the ADA and ADAAA:
  - Any animal besides a dog (though in some special cases a miniature horse may be used).
Animals that serve to provide crime preventive tasks.
- Emotional support, comfort, or companionship animals.

**Service Animals in Training**

The Department of Justice’s administrative rules for Title II and Title III of the Americans with Disabilities Act does not recognize service animals in training. Under ADA, service animals in training are treated the same as pets and should only go to pet-friendly locations.

However, many states grant service animals in training, with conditions, the same public access rights as a fully trained service animal. Under state law, in Pennsylvania, service animal trainers must be from a “recognized authority” to be granted public access rights. A staff or personnel may ask “who owns this animal” instead of the other questions the ADA has deemed appropriate for fully trained service animals, since these animals are not recognized under the ADA. If the animal is being trained by a recognized authority the authority should be the owner of the animal while in training. One may ask for documentation about the authority of the animal to ensure it is recognized and legitimate.

Examples of “recognized authority” include any nonprofit member or candidate of Assistance Dogs International, Canine Companions for Independence or Guide Dogs for the Blind. PA is not like some states, who allow owners with a disability to train their own animals or any third-party to train service animals. Online registries are not “recognized authorities” by Department of Justice.

Under PA law a person is guilty of a summary offense if he, being the proprietor, manager or employee of a theatre, hotel, restaurant or other place of public accommodation, entertainment or amusement, refuses, withholds or denies any person, who is using a guide, signal or service dog or other aid animal that has been certified by a recognized authority to assist a person, because of the physical disability, blindness or deafness of the user, or who is training a guide, signal or support dog or other aid animal for or from a recognized authority for such a user, the use of or access to any accommodation, advantage, facility or privilege of such theatre, hotel, restaurant or other place of public entertainment or amusement.

(Source 2017: PA CS 18 § 7325)

**Students are required to arrange a meeting with the Office of Disability Services to submit all documentation.**

- The Office of Disability Services may be contacted by phone (724)738-4877 or by emailing disabilityservices@sru.edu
- Scan and e-mail the completed documents prior to the meeting to disabilityservices@sru.edu. Please also bring hard copies of the documents to the meeting.
- More information related to Service Animals can be found on the ADA website ADA Service Animal Information
- If you have questions, would like assistance planning for a Service Animal on campus, or have a concern about your treatment and access when accompanied by your Service Animal contact the Office of Disability Services at disabilityservices@sru.edu, or by calling the main office line at (724) 738-4877. Please indicate you are calling to request a meeting regarding your Service Animal.

**Students trying to misrepresent a pet or ESA as a service animal in training or a trained service animal are considered to be committing fraud and will be referred to the conduct process either through Residence Life or Student Conduct.**
Service Animals

Service Animals are generally allowed to accompany their handlers anywhere their handlers are permitted on campus, including academic classrooms. However, some facilities may be off-limits for service animals, including:

- **Classroom and research laboratories:** The natural organisms carried by service animals may negatively affect the outcome of research or classroom activities. Additionally, the chemicals and/or organisms used in the research may be harmful to service animals.
- **Areas where protective clothing is necessary:** Any room where protective clothing is required is off-limits to service animals. Examples impacting students include the kiln, chemistry laboratories, and metal/machine shops.
- **Areas where there is a danger to the service animal:** Any room, including a classroom, where there are sharp metal cuttings or other sharp objects on the floor or protruding from a surface; where there is hot material on the floor (e.g., molten metal or glass); where there is a high level of dust; or where there is moving machinery is off-limits to service animals.

Each location’s safety will be evaluated by a group of individuals including: The Office of Disability Services, the laboratory director or professor, and other staff who can assess and manage risks on campus. When an area is determined unsafe for the service animal, reasonable accommodations will be provided to assure the student equal access to the activity. Students utilizing service animals are encouraged to work with the Office of Disability Services prior to beginning a class to ensure that appropriate accommodations can be made.

**Emotional Support Animal Application and Approval Process**

A student seeking an ESA must make a formal request through the Office of Disability Services (ODS) office. To make a formal request, the student must complete three steps:

1. After registering with the office via accommodate, meet with the Director in ODS regarding the possibility of bringing an ESA to campus; and
2. Submit to ODS a completed ESA Request for Information form, recently filled out by a qualified professional (e.g. psychiatrist, psychologist, or other mental health professional); and
3. Submit to ODS a personal statement explaining the reason(s) for the ESA and making a commitment to provide appropriate care for the ESA.

The University will make every effort to respond to a formal ESA request within thirty (30) calendar days from the date a completed formal request is submitted. Because it takes time to evaluate ESA requests, students should plan to submit ESA requests more than 30 days before the student intends to move into the University residence or have the ESA live with the student. If the formal request for an ESA is not completed well in advance of the desire to have an ESA, the University cannot guarantee that it will be able to meet the student’s accommodation needs immediately; the University will attempt to meet needs as quickly as it can.

*Until a student is notified that the student’s ESA request has been approved, a student must not bring an animal into their residence or other University housing.* Bringing an unapproved animal into a University residence – even an animal that likely would have been
approved – will have three consequences.

- First, the student could be assessed a fine for having an unapproved animal in a residence.
- Second, the student will be in violation of the SRU Code of Conduct and a referral will be made to either the Office of Residence Life Conduct Process or the Office of Student Conduct.
- Third, the student’s ESA request may not be approved. One of the conditions that an Owner has to meet is that the Owner will be a responsible owner and will abide by University policies. Bringing an unapproved animal into a University residence is a signal that the student cannot meet that condition.

Once a completed formal request for an ESA has been received, the request will be reviewed for approval or denial (or alteration) by the Director of ODS. The Director will consider any and all relevant information available to it in making a determination about whether an ESA would be a reasonable accommodation for the requesting student. Among the factors the Director will assess are:

1) The nature of the qualified professional’s recommendation.
2) The Owner's personal statement.
3) The Owner's commitment, and ability, to be a responsible owner of the animal.
4) Whether the ESA’s presence would force another individual from their University residence (e.g., allergies, emotional health).
5) Whether the ESA’s presence would disturb other individuals’ right to peace and quiet enjoyment.
6) Whether the ESA is housebroken and able to live with others in a healthy, reasonably odor-free manner.
7) The Owner’s plan for the ESA when the Owner is not present in the room (e.g., Will the dog be crated? Will the bunny be in a cage?) We ask all students bring a crate or cage so when the student is not present the animal is kept safe.
8) Whether the ESA’s vaccinations are up to date.
9) The size of the animal relative to the size of the residential space. Large animals should not be confined to small spaces; it is not fair to the animal. Animals less than 25 lbs. tend to be appropriate in most University housing spaces. Animals larger than 25 lbs. will have an additional assessment to determine whether the residential space is appropriate/adequate.
10) Whether the ESA causes excessive damage to property beyond reasonable wear and tear.
11) The presence of other ESAs. Typically, only one ESA to a residential space is appropriate.
12) Whether the ESA poses, or has posed in the past, a direct threat to the health and safety of persons or other animals. Animals who exhibit aggressiveness are not appropriate for University residences, regardless of whether they have “actually” injured someone. In other words, the University does not have to wait until someone is harmed; aggressive behavior is disqualifying.
13) Legal requirements.

Students will be notified of the Director’s decision in writing (often via email). If an ESA is approved, the student must meet with the Director of ODS to review and sign this procedure. Failure or refusal to sign this procedure will be presumed to be an indication that the student does not intend to abide by the procedure and will result in revocation of the approval. It is the student’s obligation to ensure that all appropriate documentation of the animal’s vaccinations and health is submitted to ODS. Copies of the animal’s documents will be kept on file in ODS. ODS will notify Housing and Residence Life when an ESA is approved to be in campus housing.
Any approval under this procedure is valid for one academic year. A student wishing to have an ESA for a subsequent year must notify ODS of the student’s desire to continue utilizing the ESA accommodation when the housing and placement process begins for the upcoming academic year. The University requires an Owner to annually sign the ESA procedure.

**Office of Housing and Residence Life Notifications and Student’s Appeal Rights**

During the housing application process, the Office of Housing and Residence Life will inform students they may encounter approved ESAs in the residence halls. Resident students with a medical condition(s) who may be affected by an approved ESA (e.g. respiratory diseases, asthma, severe allergies) are asked to inform Housing and Residence Life during the application process, or at any other time, if they have a health or safety-related concern about exposure to an approved ESA.

All roommates or suitemates of the Owner must state in writing that they agree to live with the approved ESA in the University residence, and this documentation must be submitted to the Director of ODS. In the event that one or more roommates/suitemates do not approve, or have a health or safety-related concern regarding exposure to the approved ESA, general University policies regarding roommate or suitemate disagreements will be followed to enable either the Owner and the approved ESA or the non-approving roommate(s) or suitemate(s) to be moved to a different location. Written acknowledgement from a parent is required for roommates or suitemates under age 18.

In light of potential health or safety concerns of other residents, and if appropriate, the Housing and Residence Life staff will make a reasonable effort to notify the other residents on the floor or in the residence hall where the approved ESA will be located. Housing and Residence Life will collaborate, as necessary, to resolve conflicts related to an approved ESA. Staff members will consider the needs and/or accommodations of all resident students involved.

Housing and Residence Life will notify the University’s facilities management and housekeeping staffs so that they will be aware of the presence of an animal in case there is a need to enter a student’s residence (e.g., cleaning or work orders). In addition, when a student submits a work order he or she must alert facilities that they have an animal residing in his or her residence.

If an ESA request is denied by the Director in ODS, the requesting student may appeal that denial by submitting a written appeal to the Associate Provost of Student Success within seven (7) calendar days from the date the decision is sent to the student. The decision of the Director of ODS (or designee) is final.

**Owner’s Responsibilities for Approved ESAs and other Animals in University Housing**

The Owner must comply with the following provisions regarding behavior and care of approved ESAs:

**Licensing and Vaccination:** In accordance with local ordinances and regulations, the approved ESA must receive all required and recommended immunizations against diseases. Local licensing requirements must be followed. The University may request an updated verification regarding an approved ESA’s vaccinations at any time during the ESA’s residency, but verification will at a minimum be required at the start of each year the animal is in
residence.

**Health:** Approved ESAs must be in good health as documented annually by a licensed veterinarian. The University has authority to direct that the approved ESA receive veterinary attention (with the costs to be paid for by the Owner) in appropriate circumstances.

**Control:** The Owner must be in full control of the approved ESA at all times. The ESA must remain in the Owner’s residence room at all times and be on a leash, harness, or other tether, or in an appropriate crate or carrier (if applicable) when being transported to and from the student’s residence room. Dogs should be walked out of the hall to excrete waste and for exercise but ESAs are not to be outside the residence room for extended periods of time. ESAs cannot be in residence hall lobbies or common areas and cannot go to other areas of campus, including but not limited to dining halls, any University buildings, Smith Student Center, or classrooms.

**Cleanliness:** It is the Owner’s responsibility to remove and properly dispose of the approved ESA’s waste (e.g. urine, excrement, fur, cage shavings, etc.), which must be placed in a sturdy plastic bag before disposal, and must be disposed of in an outside trash receptacle. An approved ESA must be clean and well groomed, and measures should be taken at all times for flea, tick, or other infestations and odor control. The residence room must be kept at a reasonable standard of cleanliness, as upheld in the Room and Board Contract, necessary for the health and safety of the approved ESA and housing occupants. The Owner will be held responsible for any room damages, including excess cleaning and/or replacement of any carpeting or furnishings.

**Other Conditions**

- The Owner is responsible for assuring the approved ESA does not unduly interfere or adversely affect the routine activities of University housing or other residents. In addition, the approved ESA must not pose a threat to the health, safety, or property of anyone in the Slippery Rock University community.
- The care and supervision of the approved ESA is solely the responsibility of the Owner. The Owner is responsible for ensuring the safety of an approved ESA and the University community. If it is suspected an approved ESA is being neglected, mistreated, or has been abandoned, the University may contact the appropriate animal control office or the Butler County Humane Society. The ESA may be removed without warning if removal is warranted due to safety concerns.
- The Owner is financially responsible for the approved ESA, including for any bodily injury or property damage caused by the approved ESA. The Owner’s financial responsibility may include replacement of furniture, carpet, window, wall covering and costs of damage to other University-owned property. The Owner is expected to cover these costs at the time of repair or when moving out. For a list of approximate costs for owning and caring for animals, please see: [https://www.aspca.org/sites/default/files/pet_care_costs.pdf](https://www.aspca.org/sites/default/files/pet_care_costs.pdf).
- The Owner agrees to abide by all other University policies, including all University housing policies. Any violation of this procedure may result in immediate removal of the approved ESA from the University. Reported violations will be reviewed by Housing and Residence Life.
- Approved ESAs may not be left overnight in student housing without the Owner being present. Approved ESAs must be taken with the Owner if the Owner leaves campus overnight. The Owner must make proper arrangements for the removal and care of an approved ESA while the residence halls are closed for breaks. The need to care for an
approved ESA is not on its own a valid reason for permission to stay on campus over a break or any other period when University housing is closed.

- Approved ESAs must remain in a crate, cage, container, or residence room when the Owner is absent and/or when University personnel are present in the room to complete work orders.
- Approved ESAs are not permitted to display behaviors or create noises that are deemed disruptive to others (e.g. excessive barking, growling, biting, hissing, scratching), unless said noises/behaviors are part of the needed disability service to the Owner.
- The University may require an Owner to permanently remove an approved ESA when it is out of control and the Owner does not take action to control it, when it is not housebroken, when it poses a threat to health and safety, or when the terms of this procedure are otherwise violated.
- From time to time, the University may use pesticides, pest control devices, cleaning supplies, and other materials for the maintenance and operation of University housing. The University is not responsible/liable for harm to an approved ESA permitted to reside with an Owner in University housing. The University will make an effort to notify students in advance so that if the student feels the need to remove or otherwise protect their ESA, they may do so.
- The Owner will provide emergency contact information for both an on campus and off campus individual should the Owner be unable to care for the ESA at any time. A current University student or University personnel (unless the University personnel are the parents/guardians of the student) are not appropriate choices for an off campus emergency contact.
- The Owner will take the approved ESA outside during fire drills and/or emergency preparedness procedures. The approved ESA must remain in the crate/cage, or on a leash, during this time.
- All animals are the responsibility of their handlers and should be under their control (in proximity to the handler and responsive to commands, in harness, leashed or in a carrier) at all times. An animal’s behavior is considered the handler’s behavior; the animal will be held to the same basic standard of conduct as their handlers. If they are disruptive to university business or community behavioral expectations for educational, medical and residential environments, handlers may be asked to correct the animal’s behavior or remove it from the environment.

**Revocation of Approval**

Slippery Rock University will take appropriate measures, up to and including revocation of approval for an ESA if, among other reasons:

- The Owner knowingly violates any term of this procedure;
- The approved ESA is no longer needed to assist with a disability;
- The University determines that the approved ESA is not able to meet the conditions of the ESA procedure (e.g., through barking/noise or other disruptive behavior);
- The University determines that the approved ESA is a direct threat to the health, safety, or property of anyone in the University community; or
- Slippery Rock University discovers that false or misleading information was provided in the Owner’s application for approval of an ESA.
Sanctions

Violations of the above policy will be adjudicated according to the student code of conduct, Residence Halls Living Guide, and/or the SRU Housing Agreement. Moreover, on-campus residents may be subject to additional sanctions, including, but not limited to, removal from housing. The Office of Residence Life shall oversee the adjudication of the resident or refer to the Office of Student Conduct when necessary.

An animal’s behavior is considered the handler’s behavior; the animal will be held to the same basic standard of conduct as their handlers. If they are disruptive to university business or community behavioral expectations for educational, medical and residential environments, handlers may be asked to correct the animal’s behavior or remove it from the environment. If an animal is vicious and/or attacks another person, the handler will be adjudicated according to the student code of conduct as if they were the attacker.

Slippery Rock University reserves the right to make an interim accommodation while determining appropriate measures.

The requesting student may appeal revocation of approval of a previously approved ESA within seven (7) calendar days of the notice of revocation to the Associate Provost of Student Success. The student must do so in writing. The decision of the Associate Provost of Student Success (or designee) is final.

All students living in campus-owned housing will be adjudicated through the student code of conduct via Residence Life all other students will be referred to Student Conduct.

Guest Procedure

The University’s provision for ESAs applies only to currently-enrolled students residing in University housing and it only applies to the Owner’s room. An Owner who has an approved ESA for the Owner’s residence may not take their ESA to other University rooms/residences. All other personnel or individuals (e.g. guests) are not allowed to bring animals into University residences. This includes day visitations, overnight stays, or weekend visits, even if such visits are welcome by roommates and others. Any student who takes an ESA to a different student’s University residence or otherwise permits unapproved animal visits in University residences will be assessed a $500 fine, will be referred to the Office of Student Conduct for a Code of Student Conduct violation, and will have their ESA approval revoked.

Events Involving Animals (not teaching or research)

In order to adequately address the special safety concerns when animals are present on campus, the following procedures apply to event requests for activities that include live animals:

- The sponsoring organization must provide a written plan that documents how it will minimize risks to humans and animals including: the names, qualifications, and training of the individuals responsible for the animals; provisions for handling animal waste; provisions for hand washing for anyone handling the animals; emergency medical procedures in the event of illness or injury; any other steps the organization will follow to minimize risks

- The sponsoring organization must notify the Institutional Officer for Animal Welfare, Dean of Health, Environment, and Science, prior to the event and provide the written risk
management plan.

- The sponsoring organization must provide the facility manager of the event venue with the written risk management plan. The facility manager will determine the appropriate facilities depending on the event and the risk management plan.

**Pennsylvania Exotic Wildlife Policy**

- These Pennsylvania statutes represent the state's exotic pet laws. "Exotic wildlife" includes all bears, coyotes, lions, tigers, leopards, jaguars, cheetahs, cougars, wolves and any crossbreed of these animals. The commission may issue a permit to a person to act as an exotic wildlife dealer. No permit shall be granted by the commission until it is satisfied that the provisions for housing and caring for the exotic wildlife and protection for the public are proper and adequate and in accordance with the standards which may be established by regulations. It is unlawful to release any exotic wildlife into the wild, fail to exercise due care in safeguarding the public, or recklessly engage in conduct that places another person in danger of attack from exotic wildlife (Animal Law.info, 2016).

- No student shall live on-campus with an exotic animal even with the proper documentation of exotic wildlife permit. The above Pennsylvania statute only recognizes dealers of these animals and not for use of any other purpose.
Acknowledgement

By signing below, you acknowledge that you have read the Emotional Support Animal procedure, understand it, and agree to abide by its terms.

________________________________________  __________________________
Print Owner’s Name  Date

________________________________________
Owner’s Signature (required, even if a minor)

If Owner is under 18 years old:

By signing below, you represent that you are the parent or legal guardian of the Owner, who is a minor. You acknowledge that you have read and understood the procedure and that you agree to abide by its terms.

________________________________________  __________________________
Parent/Guardian’s Printed Name  Date

________________________________________
Parent/Guardian’s Signature
Emergency Contact Information

In the event of an emergency in which I, the Owner, am unable to care for my approved ESA, the contact person stated below will be responsible for the care of my ESA (All information is required to be completed – Please print.): By signing this agreement, I agree to immediately pick-up and care for the ESA until the owner is able to resume care.

On Campus Contact

Name: _______________________________ Relationship to Owner: __________________

Phone: _______________________________ Email: _______________________________

Signature: ____________________________

Off Campus Contact

Name: _______________________________ Relationship to Owner: __________________

Phone: _______________________________ Email: _______________________________

Signature: ____________________________

This emergency contact information will be shared with:

- Housing and Residence Life
- Student Support
- Student Health Services

After this page is received by the Office of Disability Services, our staff will reach out to the individuals listed to verify their contact information. In the event contact information for these individual’s changes, please be sure to reach out to our office to update information. If the individuals above are not able to be reached the University may seek alternative arrangements to place the animal in care of a professional agency at the owner’s expense.

Signature of Staff Verification: ____________________________ Date: _________________
Slippery Rock University  
Animal Documentation and Certification of Veterinary Care

Student’s Name: ____________________________________________

Animal’s Name: ___________________________ Type of Animal: ____________________________

Breed: ___________________________________________ Colorings/Markings:
____________________

Age_______ Weight__________ Gender__________ Spay/Neuter ____ (yes) ____ (no)

License # (if applicable) _________________________ (Slippery Rock University requires renewal each year.)

_____ Vaccination verified. Date of Vaccination ________________

(Rabies shot: 1st shot lasts one year; subsequent shots last 3 years.)

_____ Veterinarian check-up verified. Date of check-up: ________________

Notes:
Office of Residence Life
Presence of Animals in
On-Campus Housing
Roommate Agreement

My roommate

____________________________________________________________________________

Name                                                                                 Banner ID (A00)

Has been approved to bring an animal to our room/apartment through a documented university process.

By signing this form, I acknowledge that I am in agreement with this housing arrangement for the_______________________ academic year.

Roommate #1

Student Name and banner ID (A00) (print): ________________________________
Student Signature: ________________________________
Date: ________________________________

Roommate #2

Student Name and banner ID (A00) (print): ________________________________
Student Signature: ________________________________
Date: ________________________________

Roommate #3

Student Name and banner ID (A00) (print): ________________________________
Student Signature: ________________________________
Date: ________________________________

Roommate #4

Student Name and banner ID (A00) (print): ________________________________
Student Signature: ________________________________
Date: ________________________________

Roommate #5

Student Name and banner ID (A00) (print): ________________________________
Student Signature: ________________________________
Date: ________________________________

ESA REQUEST FOR INFORMATION FORM

Student’s Name:

____________________________________________________________________________

Re: Proposed ESA:
Name: ________________________________
Type of animal: ________________________________
Age of animal: ________________________________
The above-named student has indicated that you are the (psychiatrist, psychologist, or mental health worker) who has suggested that having an Emotional Support Animal (ESA) in the residence hall will be helpful in alleviating one or more of the identified symptoms or effects of the student’s disability. We will accept documentation from providers in the State of Pennsylvania or the students' home state. So that we may better evaluate the request for this accommodation, please answer the following questions:

**Information About the Student’s Disability**

(A person with a disability is defined as someone who has “a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities.”)

What is the nature of the student’s mental health impairment (that is, how is the student substantially limited?)

Does the student require ongoing treatment?

How long have you been working with the student regarding this mental health diagnosis?

**Information About the Proposed ESA**

Is this an animal that you specifically prescribed as part of treatment for the student, or is it a pet that you believe will have a beneficial effect for the student while in residence on campus?

What symptoms will be reduced by having the ESA?

Is there evidence that an ESA has helped this student in the past or currently?

**Importance of ESA to Student’s Well-Being**

In your opinion, how important is it for the student’s well-being that the ESA be in residence on campus? What consequences, in terms of disability symptomology, may result if the accommodation is not approved?

Have you discussed the responsibilities associated with properly caring for an animal while engaged in typical college activities and residing in campus housing? Do you believe those responsibilities might exacerbate the student's symptoms in any way? (If you have not had this conversation with the student, we will discuss with the student at a later date.)
Thank you for taking the time to complete this form. If we need additional information, we may contact you at a later date. We recognize that having an ESA in the residence hall can be a real benefit for someone with a significant mental health disorder, but the practical limitations of our housing arrangements make it necessary to carefully consider the impact of the request for an ESA on both the student and the campus community.

Please provide contact information, sign and date this questionnaire (below), and return it to the Office of Disability Services at Slippery Rock University. The address is 1 Morrow Way, University Union Building Room 105, Slippery Rock, PA, 10657. Our fax number is 724-738-4399 and a general office email is disabilityservices@sru.edu.

Contact information:
____________________________________________________________________
Address:
____________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________
Telephone:
____________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________
FAX and/or Email address:
____________________________________________________________________
Professional Signature:
____________________________________________________________________
License #: _________________________________________________
Date: _____________________________________________________

Student to complete: I certify that SRU's Disability Services is able to receive this information about me and my ESA. Signature: ______________________ Date: __________