



TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY

Student Disability Services™

Housing Request For Service Animal

Name _____ R# _____

I am seeking a Housing Request for a Service Animal, Dog.

A service animal is defined in Title II: Section 35.104 under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) as a dog that is individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability, including a physical, sensory, psychiatric, intellectual, or other mental disability. Service animals are allowed in public places because of the owner's need for the animal at all times.

Federal law does not require the individual to provide documentation that an animal has been trained as a service animal. The University staff/faculty may ask if the animal is required because of a disability, and what work or task the animal has been trained to perform. In general, service animals are permitted access to public buildings and campus facilities. However, to live in a public housing complex, University Housing is permitted to request vaccination and shot records to ensure the safety and health of the community and other animals.

The University may exclude a service animal from campus if its behavior poses a direct threat to the health or safety of others or when its presence fundamentally alters the nature of a program or activity. The service animal is considered an extension of the student and thus, is subject to the same code of conduct as a student would follow. Disruptive behavior by a service animal will be grounds for removal from an academic setting in the same manner that a disruptive student will be removed from the same environment. The University is not responsible for the care or supervision of a service animal. **Individuals with disabilities are responsible for the control of their service animals at all times.**

Student Disability Services at Texas Tech University complies with all federal and state disability laws to ensure equal access for qualifying persons with a disability to educational programs, services, and activities. All questions regarding service animals should be directed to the Student Disability Services (SDS) office (see contact information below).

*For all information regarding Service Animals policy and procedures, please visit the following link:
<https://www.depts.ttu.edu/sds/studentresources/ServiceAnimals.php>*

All documentation submitted to Student Disability Services is considered confidential. Student Disability Services may share minimal information with appropriate University staff in order to process the request.

Please be aware that it will take time to process your request. Therefore, please submit your request well in advance of when you plan to bring the service animal to campus.

No animal that can be vaccinated is permitted in University Housing without vaccination and shot records.

Student Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Please return this form to: Texas Tech University Student Disability Services

130 Weeks Hall or by email to sds@ttu.edu