



SRO Service/Emotional Support Animal Policy

It is the policy of Samaritan House to provide reasonable accommodations for person with disabilities.

All request for service/emotional support animals must have the appropriate documentation prior to animal's arrival on premise.

The following are the steps required to have a service/emotional support animal.

- Documentation for a service animal must be written and signed by a medical physician. This is for animals that do work, perform tasks and assist the individual with daily needs.
- Documentation for an emotional support animal must be written and signed by a licensed mental health professional. This is for animals who provide therapeutic emotional support for diagnoses such as anxiety, major depressive disorder, by-polar disorder, post-traumatic stress disorder, traumatic brain injury, obsessive compulsive disorder, schizophrenia, and similar diagnoses.
- All documentation needs to be submitted to the Leasing Manager for review.
- Once approval is received, animals must have proof of compliance with city ordinances regarding registration, proof that animal was spayed or neutered and have vaccination records.

The following top 10 most dangerous breeds are not allowed on the property.

Pit Bull	Doberman pinscher
Rottweiler	Chow Chow
German Sheppard	Presa Canario
Huskies	Boxer
Alaskan malamute	Dalmation

Any other dog over 30 pounds regardless of breed.

Because of the threat of toxoplasmosis to people living with HIV/AIDS, under no circumstances will cats be allowed on the property or in the building.

Definitions:

Pet	a domestic or tamed animal kept for companionship or pleasure
Service Animal	an animal, typically a dog that has been trained to assist a person who has a disability
Emotional Support Animal	Emotional support dogs are not considered service dogs under the American Disabilities Act. They may be trained for a specific owner, but they are not trained for specific tasks or duties to aid a person with a disability, and this the main difference between ESAs and service dogs

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