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## Emotional Support Animal (ESA)



Questions? Email us at  
[residencelife@mcm.edu](mailto:residencelife@mcm.edu)

Students who are requesting an ESA are required to:

- Submit a Housing and Accessibility Application
  - Two separate applications, as they each have separate requirements. Email [residencelife@mcm.edu](mailto:residencelife@mcm.edu) to receive the application.
  - The application process must be started 60 days before intending to bring an animal to campus.
  - Students who bring an unauthorized animal to campus will be assessed a fee of \$250 per day
  - Students who are in the process and still bring an animal to campus will be fined.
- Students will be required to provide Accessibility Services with approved documentation from their primary care or mental health care provider.
  - Documentation that appears to be from a paid web service will not count as approved documentation.
  - This documentation is not approved by the ADA nor by other reputable Higher Education Authorities.
- Students will be required to work with their roommate(s) to determine if they are willing to share space with an ESA.
  - Both the ESA owner and the roommate(s) acknowledge that they are directly responsible for the well-being of the ESA.
  - ESA owners take full responsibility for the care, safety, and management of their ESA.
  - Roommate(s) are responsible for reporting any improper use, neglect, or unsafe living conditions regarding the ESA
  - Roommate(s) are in no way responsible for the care and management of the ESA.
- ESA requests are reviewed annually and require a 60-day renewal process to ensure an ESA is still recommended by the requestor's professional care provider.
  - Counseling Services cannot provide recommendations for an ESA; students must access those services and recommendations off-site.

**Unauthorized animals are not allowed in or around the residence halls or campus apartments at any time. Short visits or watching an animal for someone else is prohibited and will result in a fine of \$250 per day!**