

ASSISTANCE ANIMALS ON CAMPUS

What is an assistance animal?



An assistance animal is an animal of any species that, by its mere presence, provides comfort and/or support to an individual with a disability. An assistance animal is an accommodation and therefore, must be approved through Disability Support Services.

Is there a policy that provides regulations/requirements concerning assistance animals?

The Fair Housing Act requires that assistance animals be considered a reasonable accommodation in campus housing. In order to be approved for an assistance animal, a student must comply with the Mines Animal policy.



Are assistance animals allowed anywhere outside a student's room?

Regulations created under the Fair Housing Act apply to *housing* facilities. Per policy, assistance animals are not typically allowed in other areas of campus, except on a rare case-by-case basis.



What happens if an animal is out of control/disruptive?

If an animal is disruptive, we may ask the owner to obtain control and/or resolve the disturbance. If persistent, we may require the owner to escort the animal off campus.

