

## AGREEMENT BETWEEN OUACHITA BAPTIST UNIVERSITY AND STUDENT FOR SERVICE ANIMAL OR EMOTIONAL SUPPORT ANIMAL (ESA)

Once a student has been determined by the university's ADA 504 Accommodations Coordinator as eligible to have a service animal or ESA in Ouachita Baptist University (OBU) housing, the following additional requirements, responsibilities and/or limitations will exist:

- The student is responsible for ensuring all veterinarian-recommended vaccinations are completed and documented. Proof of vaccination is required before moving the animal into the residence. OBU reserves the right to request an updated verification at any time during the animal's residency.
- The student is responsible for immediately containing and disposing of all animal waste in an outside trash dumpster. Litter boxes should be placed on mats on tiled or vinyl bathroom floor so that litter or pet waste is not tracked onto carpeted surfaces.
- Animals may NOT be left overnight in OBU housing to be cared for by another student. Animals must go with the student/owner if they leave overnight or for a prolonged period of time during the day. Animals should **not** be left in a crate for more than 6 hours.
- The student residence may be inspected for fleas, ticks, or other pests as needed. The Residential Life and Housing staff will schedule the inspection. If fleas, ticks, or other pests are detected through inspection, the residence will be treated using approved fumigation methods by an OBU-approved pest control service. Student will be billed for the expense of any pest treatment. If the problem reoccurs, the student's contract and permitted use of a service dog or emotional support animal may be terminated.
- The student must register her approved animal with the ADA 504 Accommodations Coordinator by providing all necessary documentation. (See the university's ADA 504 Coordinator for details)
- If the animal is a **service animal**, the student must provide a description of the specific behaviors or tasks the dog has been trained to perform, and an explanation of how these behaviors are helpful or necessary, given the student's identified disabling condition. The student must also present a letter from the dog's trainer (on the trainer's business letterhead) as evidence of the dog's specialized training specific to the behaviors or tasks described above.
- The student is responsible for assuring that the animal does not unduly interfere with the routine activities of the residence or cause difficulties for students who reside there. Sensitivity to residents with allergies and to those who fear animals is important to ensure the peace of the residential community. **Unlike a Service Animal, an ESA is only permitted in the student's assigned housing area.**
- The student is financially responsible for the actions of the animal, involving bodily injury or property damage. This includes, but is not limited to, any replacement of furniture, carpet, window or wall covering, as well as cleaning costs considered above the normal cleaning provided for rooms. The student is responsible to ensure that the ESA **does not disrupt** the living environment of other students by creating **excessive noise, any unpleasant odor, or exhibiting aggressive or otherwise disruptive behavior**. The university assumes no responsibility or liability for damage or harm done by the animal to any person or person's property.
- The student must notify the ADA 504 Accommodations Coordinator in writing if the animal is no longer needed as an emotional support animal or is no longer in residence. To replace one animal with a different animal, the student must file a new request.
- The student agrees to continue to abide by all other residential policies. An exception to the policy that otherwise would prohibit having an animal does not constitute an exception to any other policy.
- If there is evidence that an animal is not being cared for humanely or with proper hygiene the student's permission to retain the animal on-campus may be revoked. Should the animal be removed from the premises for any reason, the student is expected to fulfill her/his housing obligations for the remainder of the housing contract.
- The OBU Residential Life and Housing Offices have the authority to relocate a student and their support/service animal as necessary per current contractual agreements.
- All animals must be kept on a leash at all times when on campus property, and outside the student's room or apartment. When the student is absent from the residence, the animal must be kept in a closed crate or kennel if left inside the residence. **All animals must be crate trained** (not barking, whining, urinating or defecating while in the crate) **BEFORE being brought into campus housing**.

**Any violation of the above rules may result in immediate removal of the student's animal from OBU's campus housing. If this occurs, the student has a right to appeal the decision through the ADA 504 Accommodations Coordinator.**

**By my signature below, I verify that I have read and agree to abide by all the requirements detailed above.**

			Student's
printed name	Student's Signature	Date	

**The above student has provided documentation that supports a request for a Service Animal or an Emotional Support Animal (ESA).**

Student's Residence Director or Apt. Manager	Date	Facilities Management Office	Date
Campus Safety & Emergency Management	Date	Campus Housing Director	Date
ADA 504 Accommodations Coordinator	Date	Student's Residence Hall or Apartment Name	Rm/Apt. #

**\*Provide an attached photo of your animal, and photos to each of the entities above**