

## **Emotional Support Animals on Campus**

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities' Act (ADA), the Fair Housing Act of 1968, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1989, Housing Urban Development (HUD), and local fire ordinances, Northern Wyoming Community College District (District) welcomes emotional support animals (ESAs) which have been approved through Disability Services working in conjunction with Campus Life and Housing. Dogs, cats, rabbits, birds, and hamsters are examples of an ESA. Animals that require heat lamps, such as snakes and lizards, are prohibited. Heat lamps are considered fire hazards and are not allowed in residence halls.

Students wishing to have an ESA in their residence are required to meet with Disability Services, provide documentation of disability, complete the appropriate paperwork, and work with the Campus Life and Housing office to ensure no conflicting disabilities with roommates (i.e. allergies of roommates/suitemates).

Students planning to live in housing with an ESA should submit paperwork to Disability Services at least three months in advance. Failure to submit paperwork in a timely manner may result in a change in housing assignment and approval may not be feasible.

Additionally, ESAs are restricted to the resident's bedroom only and may be removed from housing due to any of the following:

1. Animal is disruptive or causes significant damages to facilities.
2. Animal poses a direct threat to the health and safety of others.
3. Student fails to comply with requested documentation and paperwork.
4. Student fails to provide adequate care to the animal.

For information on Service Animals, please refer to *Procedure 5075.9: Service Animals on Campus*.