

Important Information about Animals in Spelman College Residence Halls

This document is provided as general information on the process that governs the residency of an emotional support animal (ESA) or Service Animal in Spelman College residence halls. This document does not communicate approval for any individual to have an animal in residence. Any resident student seeking to occupy Spelman College residence halls with an ESA or Service Animal must be independently approved for this medical accommodation through the Spelman College Student Access Center (SAC).

Service Animals and Emotional Support Animals will be approved for ONLY the current applicable academic year, regardless of the timing of the approval. For an animal to resume residency in a subsequent academic year, registration and documentation with the Student Access Center must be completed again. If SAC approval is granted, required paperwork must be completed/updated with the Office of Housing & Residence Life before the animal resumes residency in a subsequent academic year.

Student Access Center approval does not permit an animal to begin residency in Spelman College residence halls.

The student must receive written notification from the Office of Housing & Residence Life that the animal may be brought to campus and assume residency.

Special Note about ESA's: The student is strongly encouraged to consider the breed, size and disposition of the animal that is being considered as an ESA. Residence hall rooms and spaces are not conducive to positive and healthy living experiences for all animals. The College may further place restrictions on large animal breeds or animals that have an aggressive disposition. Students will be expected to identify the type and size of any animal to be considered as an ESA.

Animal vaccination will be expected in accordance with guidelines from the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) and the American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA). The student will need to provide documentation of vaccination before an approved animal can begin residency.

If approved to have an ESA or Service Animal, the animal may not assume residency until all forms have been submitted and completed by the requesting resident and, if applicable, affected roommates/suitemates, as indicated:

- Spelman Resident Agreement for Approved Animals
- Animal Information and Emergency Contact Form
- Animal Record of Vaccination and Good Health
- Roommate/Suitemate Acknowledgement for Approved Animal, if applicable

Questions about these guidelines should be directed to the Office of Housing and Residence Life at (404) 270-5343 or housing@spelman.edu.