Westminster College
Disability Services

Service Animal Agreement – Living in College Housing

I, ____________________________________________, understand that I must observe the following requirements throughout the time the Service Animal is in housing:

____ I have provided documentation of current vaccinations and licensing.

____ I understand that I must be in full control of the animal at all times and obey local leash laws unless leash interferes with the work the service animal must do. The care and supervision of the service animal or trainee service animal is solely my responsibility.

____ I am financially responsible for the actions of the animal, including personal injury or property damage. This includes, but is not limited to, medical expenses incurred by the victim, replacement of furniture, carpet, window or wall coverings, as well as cleaning costs required above the normal cleaning provided for rooms.

____ I am responsible for assuring the animal does not unduly interfere with the routine activities of the residence hall or cause difficulties for students who reside there. For example, sensitivity to residents with allergies and to those who fear animals is important to ensure the peace of the residential community.

____ I am responsible for properly containing and disposing of all animal waste indoors and outdoors.

____ My residence may be inspected for fleas, ticks, or other pests, as needed. If fleas, ticks, or other pests are detected, the residence will be treated using approved fumigation methods by a college-approved pest control service. I will be billed for the expense of any pest treatment.

Westminster may request that an animal be removed if:
- it poses a direct threat to the health and/or safety of others;
- it is not under the appropriate control of their owner/guardian as needed;
- it is engaging in nuisance behaviors that impact/disturb other housing residents that cannot be mitigated or corrected after an attempt has been made;
  - Nuisance behaviors include, but are not limited to barking, growling, making undue noise, biting, giving off offensive odors, waste-elimination cannot be controlled, chewing, and damaging the living space.
- its owner does not care appropriately for the animal which may include: proper disposal of waste, proper nutrition, grooming, and healthy living environment.

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I agree to continue to abide by all other residential policies.

The Office of Residence Life will notify other tenants of an approved animal in the room/apartment where the animal will be located.

Any violation of the above may result in immediate removal of the animal from Westminster College. The student has a right to appeal the decision through the Office of Residence Life appeal procedures.

I verify that I have read all the Service Animal guidelines outlined above and in the College’s Service Animal Guideline document.

________________________________________  ________________
Student Signature  Date

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Director of Residence Life  Date

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Director of Disability Services

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Date  Date

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