EMOTIONAL SUPPORT ANIMAL AGREEMENT

Consistent with Federal and State law, Caltech provides reasonable accommodations for emotional support animals in Caltech Housing as described in the Institute’s Emotional Support Animal Policy. An emotional support animal (“ESA”) is an animal whose sole function is to provide emotional support, comfort, therapy, companionship, therapeutic benefits, or to promote emotional well-being.

Your request for an ESA has been approved in the following Caltech Housing location: ____________________________________________ and is subject to the terms and conditions of this agreement.

You are responsible for your ESA at all times. The presence of the animal cannot constitute a direct threat to the health and safety of others. You are responsible for the health and safety of the animal with verification from a qualified veterinarian, for cleaning up after the animal, including the sanitary disposal of animal waste, for any property damage caused by the animal, for the behavior of the animal and for due care and diligence of the animal on campus.

ESAs are only allowed within Caltech Housing in pre-designated locations. Caltech will not permit ESAs if they cause substantial physical damage to the property of others; pose an undue financial and administrative burden; or fundamentally alter the nature of the Institute’s operations. For example, if a roommate or other students in the building have asthma or allergies or fear of the animal, or the building is designated for students with allergies, efforts would be made to find an alternative housing arrangement for the owner and the animal.

Requirements of ESAs and their owners include:

As the owner, you are responsible for:
• Compliance with any laws pertaining to animal licensing, vaccination and owner identification.
• Waste clean-up and overall cleanliness of the animal.
• Appropriate management of your ESA in Caltech Housing. Dangerous, disruptive and/or aggressive behavior on the part of the animal may result in you being asked to remove the animal from Caltech Housing.

A previously authorized ESA may be excluded from Caltech Housing if:
• It is out of control and effective action is not taken by you to control it;
• It is not housebroken; or
• It poses a direct threat to the health or safety of others that cannot reasonably be mitigated.

Any violation of these requirements may result in revocation of approval for the ESA.

I, (print name)_____________________________, have read, understand, and agree to abide by Caltech’s Emotional Support Animal Policy and this agreement.

_________________________________  ___________________________________
Student Signature                  Administrator Signature

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Date                              Title