

Bethany College Emotional Support Animal Guidelines 2022/2023

In accordance with the Fair Housing Act, Bethany College allows residential students to utilize emotional support animals. Emotional support animals are classified, according to the ADA national Network*, as companionship animals that may aid a human with loneliness, depression, and anxiety, among other mental health concerns. Emotional support animals are not considered service animals as they do not help humans perform tasks or have the same training and discipline. Bethany College has the following policies in place to ensure the protection and comfort of students, with and without emotional support animals, and the animals living in the halls. If mistreatment or neglect is occurring to either the animal or Bethany College property, Bethany College has the right to have the animal removed from campus. If a residential student does not follow policy, Bethany College has the right to remove the animal from campus immediately.

Annually Students with Emotional Support Animals Must:

1. Register their ESA with Student Development before the animal is brought to campus.
2. Pay a \$250 non-refundable damage deposit.
3. Have updated ESA vaccination paperwork with Student Development.
4. Keep their ESA in their room
 - a. ESAs are not allowed to be loose in lobbies or hallways.
 - b. ESAs are not allowed to be kept in other students' rooms.
5. Maintain the animal's health and well-being.
 - a. Students must keep animals up-to-date on all shots and proper grooming.
6. Pay for any damage to Bethany College property caused by their animal.
7. Clean up after their ESA inside and outside.
8. Keep their animal on a leash or in a cage when the animal is outside their room
9. They must take their ESA with them when leaving campus overnight.
10. Live in Anna Marm.
 - a. All students with ESAs must live in Anna Marm unless they are on the Good Life Scholarship; those on the Good Life Scholarship will live on a specified floor of New Hall.

Emotional Support Animal Registration at Bethany College Includes:

1. Signed Bethany College ESA Agreement
2. Up-to-date vaccination record and proof of spay or neuter for ESA
3. Letter from mental health professional or doctor
4. City of Lindsborg registration (if dog)

Students must have all of their paperwork completed and turned into the Student Development Office before an animal is brought to campus.

Emotional Support Animals Must:

1. Be at least 1 year of age or older
 - a. Students and emotional support animals live closely together in the residence halls. Disease can spread if the animal does not have all of its vaccinations. Animals that are too young for all vaccinations may be susceptible to disease and illness.
2. Be spayed or neutered
 - a. Animals must be fixed to prevent behavior issues, pregnancy, and accidents.
3. Be house trained
4. Registered with the City of Lindsborg and comply with the city's dog breed restrictions
5. Must be friendly with both people and animals

Please email Kerri Henne, Housing Coordinator, at hennekm@bethanylb.edu with questions.

*<https://adata.org/publication/service-animals-booklet>