

SERVICE ANIMAL POLICY FOR RESIDENCES

McGill's Student Accessibility and Achievement (SAA) in consultation with the Office of the Dean of Students is the only one authorized to grant or deny a student's request to bring an animal on campus which includes living in residences, according to [McGill's Principles for Animal Accommodation](#)

Student Housing and Hospitality Services (SHHS) **does not** have the authority to grant a residence student permission to reside on campus with an animal.

Residence students who are granted accommodation for their service animals in Residence will proceed as per standard application procedures.

- SHHS reserves the right to "assign" the student's residence based on availability and the needs of other residents.
- The animal must not cause any nuisance or inconvenience to other residents (noise, cleanliness, smell, aggression etc.).
- The student is responsible for the health, well-being and behavior of his animal, as well as for any damage it may cause to McGill's property or persons.
- The student is financially responsible for the actions of the animal that lead to bodily injury or property damage, including but not limited to, any replacement of furniture, carpets, wall coverings etc.
- The student is responsible for covering the costs of repair or cleaning.
- The student must not dispose of animal's waste in shared garbage cans inside any buildings on campus.
- An animal is not permitted in shared spaces unless accompanied by the student.
- Animals are not permitted on furniture unless providing service to the student.

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In requesting to be accompanied by a Service Animal as an accommodation for reasons of a disability at McGill University, I agree to the following:

- While I understand I may be allowed to leave my animal in my residence room, I acknowledge that I am solely responsible for my animal even when I do not have direct contact.
- My Service Animal is appropriately socialized to live in a high-density residence setting
- If approved to be in common areas, I understand it is my responsibility to ensure my Service Animal is as unobtrusive as possible and will not interfere with the access and use of Residences facilities by other residents. (For example, Service Animals are not permitted on furniture in any of the common areas).
- If left unattended in a residence room, my Service Animal will be secured in a crate or carrier to ensure the safety and well-being of Residence Facilities staff in the event they need to enter my room for maintenance requests. (Students will be notified of dates and times this will apply)
- I understand that the University and SHHS assumes no liability for Service Animal in the event of an emergency or evacuation if it is left alone in a residence room. If the student is in the room, responder's first line of action will be to help the student.
- I agree within reason to make sure my Service Animal is not disrupting others with noise
- I will take responsibility for the hygiene of my Service Animal and agree not to bathe my Service Animal or clean any animal enclosures (tanks or cages) in any private, semiprivate, or common student washrooms. Residences may set aside designated cleaning areas for Service Animals upon request.
- I agree to assume financial responsibility for damages caused to Residence property or extra cleaning charges resulting from my Service Animal.
- I agree to never leave my animal on campus if I am leaving campus for any reason, either overnight or during University breaks.

I understand that not meeting any of the above requirements and responsibilities would be reasonable grounds for the University to rescind its permission for the admission of my Service Animal on campus.

Student Name (Please print): _____

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____