

- Pets are not permitted in residence halls.
- Wichita State University is committed to compliance with state and federal laws regarding individuals with disabilities. A resident who desires to have a service animal or assistance animal in a residence hall must notify the Office of Disability Services at least thirty (30) days prior to the date that the resident seeks to have the animal in the residence hall.
- Federal regulations define a “service animal” as “...any dog that is individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability...” A service animal is permitted to reside in the residence hall unless the animal’s behavior necessitates removal.
- For purposes of these guidelines, an “assistance animal” is defined as an animal that alleviates one or more symptoms or effects of a disability. A determination of whether a resident with a disability will be permitted to have an assistance animal in a residence hall as a reasonable accommodation will be made on a case-by-case basis by the Office of Disability Services and Housing and Residence Life staff in consultation with the resident.
- An assistance animal may be permitted in a residence hall as a reasonable accommodation only if:
 - the resident has a disability;
 - the animal is necessary to afford the resident with a disability an equal opportunity to use and enjoy the residence hall; and
 - there is an identifiable relationship or nexus between the disability and the support that the animal provides.
- When it is not readily apparent that there is a need for an assistance animal, the resident must provide the following documentation