

University Apartments Assistance Animal Lease Addendum

Name: _____ **Apartment:** _____

As stated in the UW-Madison Assistance Animal Policy: The US Department of Housing and Urban Development recognizes "assistance animals" as necessary to afford a person with a disability an equal opportunity to use and enjoy University Housing, including University Apartments. An assistance animal can be a service animal or emotional support animal, that works, provides assistance, or performs tasks for the benefit of a person with a disability, or that provides emotional support that alleviates one or more identified effects of a person's disability. An assistance animal is not a pet.

Lessee is responsible for meeting the following requirements as stated in the University Housing Emotional Support Animal or UW-Madison Service Animal Policies:

- Assistance animals must be immunized against diseases common to that type of animal and have an annual clean bill of health from a licensed veterinarian.
- All vaccinations must be current. Dogs must wear a rabies vaccination tag. Documentation should be submitted to the Director of Leasing for University Apartments.
- Lessee must comply with all required state and municipal license requirements for the type of animal. Wisconsin State law requires all dogs to be licensed by the time they reach 5 months of age.
- Dogs are required to wear an owner identification tag at all times.
- The Lessee must be in full control of the animal at all times. Dogs and cats that are emotional support animals must be on a maximum 6-foot leash at all times when outside of the Lessee's apartment. Animals may not be left unattended, secured to tie-out stakes, posts or objects. Service animals do not have to be leashed if this interferes with the animal's work or task performed for the handler with a disability, but the handler must maintain an alternative means of control of the animal.
- The care and supervision of an assistance animal is solely the responsibility of the Lessee. University Housing/University Apartments assume no responsibility for the care of a Lessee's assistance animal. The Lessee must clean up after their animal by disposing of the animal's waste in the provided trash dumpsters within the community.
- When submitting maintenance requests, Lessee must inform Facilities staff that there is an assistance animal in the apartment. Animals are required to be placed in a crate/kennel/cage/separate room while a work order is taking place.
- Lessee must not allow assistance animals to disturb, annoy, or cause any nuisance to other members of the University Apartments community.
- Lessee must not leave assistance animals alone in an apartment for an extended period of time or overnight. In the event that an assistance animal is left alone in an apartment for an extended period of time and is not being properly cared for, University Apartments will attempt to contact the Lessee or the Lessee's emergency contact to remove the animal. If this is not successful, University Housing may notify Madison Animal Service and seek to have the animal removed. All costs associated with removing the animal shall be the responsibility of the resident.
- Lessee is responsible for providing appropriate food and water and ensuring the animal's general welfare.
- If the conditions of this addendum are not met, Lessee will receive written notice from University Housing giving at least 48 hours to remove the animal. It will be the responsibility of the Lessee to find a suitable home for the animal.

I have read, understand, and accept the terms of the Assistance Animal Lease Addendum outlined above which are offered by the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Lessee _____ Dated _____
(Student/Staff Signature)

Lessee _____ Dated _____
(Spouse/Domestic Partner/Roommate/Overnight Guest Signature)

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