

## C. Pets

Subject to the prior approval of the Office of Residence Life, animals that are self-contained in an aquarium (ten gallons or less) may be allowed in campus housing. In order to provide ample opportunities for students to adjust to their new environments and roommate, approved pets will not be allowed in any University housing facility until the third full week of classes. All residents who are contracted for a single room or returning residents who are paired with another returning resident may submit a pet request the second full week of classes. Animals that are venomous or consume live prey will not be allowed in housing. Roommates may register a maximum of two pets of the same gender and species in a room. All pet owners are responsible for the care and conduct of their pets. Students are not allowed to have dogs/cats in University housing.

Emotional Support Animal – Subject to the prior approval of the Office of Residence Life, the University of St. Thomas (UST) is committed to providing a supportive environment for students with disabilities. This includes full compliance with all applicable provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), as amended, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the Fair Housing Act.

Under the Fair Housing Act (FHA), a person with a disability may keep an Emotional Support Animal (ESA) in the individual's dwelling when there is an established need for the therapeutic nature of the animal that is connected to the individual's disability. An ESA provides emotional support to persons who have a disability-related need for such support. An ESA is indicated as necessary for an individual with a disability by an appropriate and relevant healthcare professional.