**Policy Summary**
The University of Michigan-Flint provides reasonable accommodations to residents in university student housing with documented disabilities. This Policy governs the use of Emotional Support Animals in university student housing.

**Scope**
This policy refers to presence of Assistance Animals, commonly referred to Emotional Support Animals, in university student housing.

**Definitions**
In compliance with the requirements of the Fair Housing Act, the university recognizes the category of “Assistance Animals” as animals that provide physical and/or emotional support to individuals with disabilities. Assistance Animals, commonly referred to as Emotional Support Animals (ESAs), are defined as a category of animals that may work, provide assistance, or perform physical tasks for an individual with a disability and/or provide necessary emotional support to an individual with a mental or psychiatric disability, but which are not considered Service Animals under the American with Disabilities Act As Amended (ADAAA).

**Policy Statement**
A student may reside with an ESA in university student housing as a provision of the Fair Housing Act if:

- The student is registered with the Disability and Accessibility Support Services (DASS) Office;
- The ESA is necessary to afford the student with a disability an equal opportunity to use and enjoy university student housing;
- There is an identifiable relationship or nexus between the disability and the assistance the ESA provides; and
- The student has completed registration for the ESA with the DASS Office.

**Policy Implementation by DASS**
Approval to have an ESA in university student housing is managed by the Disability and Accessibility Support Services (DASS) Office. Requirements for approval of an ESA in university student housing are available on the DASS website or by emailing dassflint@umich.edu.

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