

Q+A: Animals on Campus

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Are animals allowed on campus?

Yes. Lynn University follows guidelines provided by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), which outlines requirements for service animals on private property, and the Fair Housing Act (Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968), which provides guidelines regarding emotional support animals.

For more information, contact Matt Roche, Lynn's compliance manager and ADA compliance coordinator. Students and employees can also refer to the Lynn Service and Support Animals policy in Volume II. 2.1.8.6, and Volume II.2.1.13 regarding pets on campus.

Are animals allowed inside university buildings or facilities?

In general, animals other than service and approved emotional support animals are not permitted into university buildings and other facilities. Service animals may accompany their owner throughout university property. Emotional support animals are restricted to residence hall rooms and may not be present in any other building or facility.

Are pets allowed on Lynn's campus?

Animals other than registered service and emotional support animals are permitted only to visit the university. These animals may not enter university buildings or facilities, and the owner of the animal is responsible for its behavior at all times.

What is the difference between a service animal and an emotional support animal?

Under the ADA, a service animal accompanies an owner due to his or her disability. The service animal is trained to complete a specific task for its owner, such as leading the blind or visually impaired, sensing owners' low blood sugar, preventing panic attacks, and more. Service animals are permitted to accompany their owner into university buildings and facilities.

Under the Fair Housing Act, an emotional support animal provides comfort and support. Emotional support animals are restricted to residence hall rooms and must be registered with the university.

An animal is disrupting my classroom/meeting. What should I do?

Emotional support animals are not permitted in classrooms or at meetings. You can kindly ask that it be returned to the dorm room.

A service animal is permitted to accompany its owner in a classroom or at a meeting, and it should be under control of its owner at all times. If it is not, you can kindly ask the animal and its owner to leave the classroom until the animal calms down.

I'm unsure if an animal is a support animal. What can I do?



To confirm whether it's a support animal, according to ADA, you are permitted to ask two questions: Do you have an animal because of a disability? And, what is the animal trained to do in relation to your disability?

If these questions are not answered with satisfaction, you may ask the owner and its animal to leave the premises. Otherwise, be respectful to the owner and to the animal, and contact the ADA Compliance Coordinator for further support.

What is the process for registering an animal on Lynn's campus?

Any individual seeking the presence of an animal on campus should schedule a conversation with the ADA Compliance Coordinator.

What else should employees know about animals on campus?

The university retains the right to remove any animal from university premises if the safety of others, destruction of property or other disturbance warrants it. Such removal of any animal and any necessary cleaning, repairs and/or pest controls may be completed at the owner's expense.

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