**Trinity College**

**Bantam Network (BN) Residential Learning Community (RLC)**

**Emotional Support Animal Agreement**

Student Name: Class Year:

Cell Phone:

Animal Name:

Animal Type & Breed:

Veterinarian Name:

Veterinarian Phone:

**Please review and initial each statement.**

*Guidelines for Emotional Support Animals care:*

\_\_\_\_\_ Animals must be housebroken.

\_\_\_\_\_ Photo of animal needs to be sent to The office of Student Accessibility Resource Center (SARC).

\_\_\_\_\_ The student is responsible for properly containing and disposing of all animal waste. Indoor animal waste must be placed in a sturdy plastic bag and tied securely before being disposed of in outside trash receptacles. Outdoor animal waste must be immediately retrieved by the student, placed in a plastic bag and securely tied before being disposed of in an outside trash receptacle. Students living in a residence hall or apartment should contact the facilities department in order to identify an appropriate location for animal waste elimination.

\_\_\_\_\_ The student must effectively control the Emotional Support Animal at all times. The animal cannot pose a direct threat to the health, safety or property of others or create a disturbance in the residence halls. BN RLC and SARC will work together to resolve any conflicts that result from the presence of the animal. If the student cannot effectively control the animal or if the animal poses a direct threat to the health or safety of others, the permission to keep that particular animal in College housing will be rescinded until such time that the problem is rectified.

\_\_\_\_\_ Routine care of the Emotional Support Animal is expected, including annual vaccinations and exams. BN RLC will request updated veterinary verification that includes evidence that the animal is flea free before moving in and at any time during the animal’s residency in College housing.

\_\_\_\_\_ The Emotional Support Animal should wear a tag that identifies the student as the owner and contact information in case of an emergency. Animals that need to relieve themselves outside are required to wear an identification tag.

\_\_\_\_\_ The Emotional Support Animal should not be left alone in College housing for extended periods of time. The entire responsibility of the animal is the students. If any neglect is suspected, BN RLC will contact the student, Hartford Animal Control, and/or the Connecticut Humane Society.

*Guidelines for interaction with roommates (if applicable) and the community:*

\_\_\_\_\_ The student is responsible at all times for the actions of the animal. The student is responsible for any odors, noise, damage, or other conduct of the animal that disturbs others or damages the premises or property of others. Students may incur fees for any damage.

\_\_\_\_\_ Emotional Support Animals are only allowed to be handled by their owner. The animal needs to be locked in the student’s room when the student is unavailable and not be in the care of others. For students living in traditional residence halls: animals are allowed only in the assigned bedroom of the owner and should not be in any common spaces, bathrooms, or kitchens in the building. For students living in a Crescent Street Townhouse or another residence hall with individual bedrooms and shared common space, animals must be locked in the bedroom of the handler when the handler is not present. When present, the handler may bring the animal into the common space of their housing but should not bring the animal into the kitchen or bathroom of the townhouse. When exiting the building, handlers should have the animal on a leash or in a carrier and use the most direct exit from their bedroom to limit the exposure of other residents to the Support animal.Emotional Support animals are not allowed in food service areas, classrooms or any other common areas of campus.

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Emotional Support Animals are not permitted to interact with people or other animals outside the household to reduce risk of viral transmission.

\_\_\_\_\_ Emotional Support animals are not permitted in any area of the campus other than the student’s assigned residence hall room.

\_\_\_\_\_ The student is responsible for assuring that the Emotional Support Animal does not interfere with the routine of the residence or cause difficulties for students who reside in the residence hall. Sensitivity to residents with allergies and to those who fear animals is important to ensure a positive residential community. We request that the student run and properly maintain a college provided HEPA filter to reduce allergen risk.

\_\_\_\_\_ The student is responsible for instructing others on appropriate interactions with the Emotional Support Animal and setting clear expectations.

\_\_\_\_\_ If applicable, roommates will be notified about the animal by Residential Life. The notification will include the type of animal. All roommates or suitemates of the animal owner must acknowledge the Support animal’s presence in writing to the office of the Bantam Network and Residential Learning Community.

\_\_\_\_\_ Any time the student requires service by Facilities Operations for their room, suite or apartment, the student must arrange a time when he/she can be present for the service to occur.

*Additional Agreements:*

\_\_\_\_\_ The student is financially responsible for the actions of the animal, including bodily injury, property damage, replacement of furniture, carpet, blinds, etc. The student is expected to cover all costs of returning the unit to the same condition as move-in except for normal wear and tear. This may include cleaning all carpets and furniture to remove pet orders, dander, hair, etc.

\_\_\_\_\_ BN RLC will inspect the room, suite, or apartment on a regular basis. If fleas, ticks, or other pests are detected through inspection, the unit will be treated using fumigation methods by a College-approved pest control service. The student is responsible for the cost. Emotional Support Animal approval may be revoked in the event of flea or tick infestation.

\_\_\_\_\_ Trinity reserves the right to use certain insecticides, fertilizers and other chemicals such as deicers for property maintenance. Trinity is not responsible for any harm caused to an Emotional Support Animal from such substances.

\_\_\_\_\_ Residential Life has the right to reassign the student to another residence hall if care of the Emotional Support Animal or interactions with others becomes a concern.

\_\_\_\_\_ Residential Life may contact the animal’s veterinarian to request additional medical documentation if needed.

\_\_\_\_\_ The student will be assigned to a liaison within BN RLC who will oversee any moves from one location to another, arranging for staff notifications and trainings, and assisting with re-introduction of the Emotional Support Animal to a new community. Notification must be made within 10 days of the Emotional Support Animal no longer residing on campus.

\_\_\_\_\_ The permission to house an Emotional Support Animal extends to this specific animal only. Any changes to housing agreements or approved animals must be authorized by SARC.

\_\_\_\_\_ The student may be required to immediately remove the Emotional Support Animal from College housing if any provision of this agreement is violated.

I have read and agree to all the terms of the BN RLC Emotional Support Animal Agreement. I understand that if I have questions, concerns, or need Support that I should call my liaison in BN RLC.

Student Signature:

Date:

Parent Signature (for students under 18):

Date: