

Earth House Midsummer Gather Animal Policies (Rev. 2019-1)

For attending the Earth House Midsummer Gather (“EHMSG”) on or after April 1, 2019, service, emotional support and psychiatric support animals must meet a set of enhanced requirements, detailed here. All other domestic animals are considered “pets.” If you have questions about these policies, please contact us (<https://www.earthhousemn.org/contact-us/>).

- A. **Pets.** Pets are defined as any animal which does not meet the definition of a Service Animal. NO pets will be allowed to attend EHMSG. If your animal is reclassified as a pet, either due to its behavior or yours, you and it must leave the Gather. **There will be no refunds given** as you are welcome to return to the Gather without your pet.
- B. **Service Animals.** Although camping is a “wilderness” experience, you and your animal are visitors to this environment, and you will be required to pick up its fecal waste and dispose of it in an approved manner. **At all times, YOU ALONE are fully responsible for your animal and its behavior.**

1. **Fully-Trained Service Animals.** Fully-trained service animals are welcome and may attend/camp at EHMSG at no charge.
- a. **Definition:** *Trained service animals have been specifically trained to perform life functions for individuals with disabilities, including but not limited to:*
- 1) *Visual impairments*
 - 2) *Deafness*
 - 3) *Seizures*
 - 4) *Mobility impairments*

While we encourage advanced notice for service animals so that we may better accommodate you, it is not required.

2. **Emotional Support / Psychiatric Service Animals.** Emotional support / psychiatric service animals may attend/camp at EHMSG at no charge if they meet the requirements.
- a. **Definition:** *Emotional support / psychiatric service animals assist individuals with emotional, psychiatric or cognitive disabilities. Specific training is not required for animals to meet this classification.*
- b. Only one (1) emotional support / psychiatric service animal is allowed per person.
- c. Only cats and dogs are accepted as emotional support animals. *Advance notice and approval* is required to bring an emotional support / psychiatric service animal with you to EHMSG.
- d. You must **complete, submit and receive approval of all 3 forms** before your animal will be allowed to attend EHMSG:
- 1) Medical / Mental Health Professional Form
 - 2) Veterinary Health Form, or vaccination record with current rabies vaccination information
 - 3) Confirmation of Animal Behavior Form
- These forms are available for download at <https://www.earthhousemn.org/<something>>, or may be requested for hardcopy via the Contact Form listed above.
- e. To attend/camp with an emotional support / psychiatric service animal at EHMSG, you must submit **all** required forms to the Registrar **no later than two weeks prior to the beginning of EHMSG.**
- f. We will notify you in writing upon document approval. Without this written approval, your animal will not be allowed to attend with you.

- C. **Animal Behavior.** Emotional support / psychiatric service animals must be in your control at all times by leash and / or harness.

1. Emotional support / psychiatric service animals must be trained to behave properly in public and they will not be permitted at EHMSG if they display any form of disruptive behavior which is not successfully corrected or controlled, *including but not limited to*:
 - a. Growling
 - b. Biting or attempting to bite
 - c. Jumping on or lunging at people
2. **If this behavior is observed at any point during your stay at EHMSG, and is not corrected or controlled, the animal will be re-classified as a pet and all restrictions and applicable fees will apply.**

If you have questions about these policies, please contact us (<https://www.earthhousemn.org/contact-us/>). We thank you for your cooperation and look forward to your attendance at the Earth House Midsummer Gather.