

HOW DO SERVICE ANIMALS, THERAPY DOGS, AND EMOTIONAL SUPPORT ANIMALS DIFFER FROM EACH OTHER?



YOU CAN ASK TWO QUESTIONS OF THE OWNER:

1. IS IT A SERVICE ANIMAL?
2. WHAT IS IT TRAINED TO DO?

SERVICE ANIMALS  SPECIFICALLY TRAINED TO PERFORM TASKS THAT MITIGATE A HANDLER'S DISABILITY.	THERAPY DOGS  TRAINED TO BRING COMFORT AND JOY TO THOSE IN A HOSPITAL, SCHOOL, OR OTHER GROUP CARE ENVIRONMENTS.	EMOTIONAL SUPPORT ANIMALS  PROVIDES SUPPORT AND EMOTIONAL COMFORT TO A HANDLER WITH A MENTAL ILLNESS.
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ANIMAL MUST WEAR AN IDENTIFYING VEST:	X	X	X
MUST TOLERATE A WIDE VARIETY OF ENVIRONMENTS, INTERACTIONS, AND PEOPLE:	✓	✓	X
ALLOWED TO RIDE IN STROLLERS OR SIT ON TABLES AND CHAIRS:	X	X	X
SPECIFICALLY TRAINED TO ASSIST THE HANDLER:	✓	X	X
LEGALLY ALLOWED TO ACCOMPANY THE HANDLER INTO COURTS:	✓	X	X
TRAINED TO PROVIDE SUPPORT AND COMFORT AT THE HANDLER'S DISCRETION:	X	✓	X
PRIMARY FUNCTION IS TO PROVIDE EMOTIONAL COMFORT TO THE HANDLER:	X	X	✓