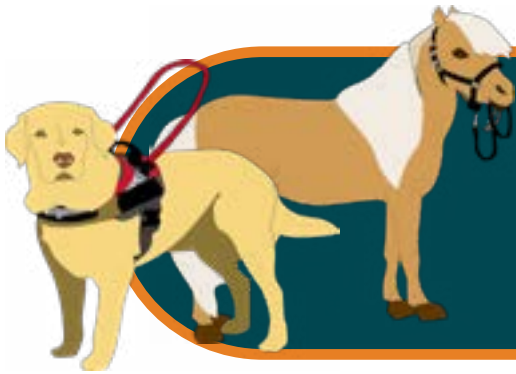


Service Animals



What is a Service Animal?

A service animal is any dog or miniature horse trained to perform a task related to a person's disability.

Service animals can be personally or professionally trained to do the task and do not require a registration to prove that they are a service animal.

Service Animals are NOT Emotional Support Animals. Emotional Support Animals provide relief emotionally from their owners disability.

Service Animals are NOT Therapy Dogs. Therapy Dogs travel with their owners to medical settings to provide emotional relief to people other than their owners.

Protections and Laws

Service Animals are allowed to follow their handler into almost any public place. They are also allowed in the handler's home.

Service Animals are not allowed into places where the animal would change the nature of the place they are entering.

These protections fall under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the Fair Housing Act (FHA).

Ensuring Service Animal Status

There is no service animal registration or certification requirement or database.

Service Animals are not required to wear a vest.

You can ask two questions to verify status:

Is the animal a service animal required because of a disability?

What work or task has the dog been trained to perform?

If the handler responds with yes and a task, the animal is a service animal and cannot be denied entry.

Handlers traveling with their service animal on a flight should be familiar with the Air Carrier Access Act to review their rights on planes.

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