



# SERVICE DOGS IN PUBLIC SETTINGS

Service Animals are a **dog** or **miniature horse** trained to do work or perform tasks for people with disabilities. Local governments must permit service dogs in all areas where the public is allowed to go.

If the you are concerned whether the dog is a service animal, you are permitted to ask only two questions:

1. Is this dog required because of a disability?
2. What work or task has this dog been trained to perform?

What you cannot do:

- Ask for documented proof.
- Require identifying vests.
- Ask the dog to demonstrate a service/task.
- Ask about the nature of the person's disability.

Service dogs must be leashed or harnessed unless the device interferes with the service animal's work or the individual's disability. Service dogs may only be denied entrance or asked to leave if the handler does not control the dog or if it toilets in the facility.

**Emotional support, comfort, and companion animals do not have the same rights as a service dog.**

