

A SERVICE DOG IS MORE THAN A VEST™

Decoding Dogs – What To Know



SERVICE DOGS

Service dogs are trained in specific tasks to assist a person with a disability.

- > Allowed anywhere their handlers are permitted, like a movie theater, hospital or restaurant
- > Highly trained and socialized to be safe in public

FUTURE SERVICE DOGS

Future service dogs are learning to assist a person with a disability.

- > Don't have public access but rely on the goodwill of businesses to help prepare the puppies for their jobs



FACILITY DOGS

Facility dogs are trained in specific tasks to work alongside professionals.

- > Clients include those in a healthcare, visitation or educational setting. Their skills help improve client outcomes
- > Allowed in the handler's workplace, but not in other public places

EMOTIONAL SUPPORT ANIMALS

Emotional support animals provide comfort to people with mental health conditions.

- > Pets that are allowed in housing, even if the property has a no-pet policy
- > Not allowed in public places



THERAPY DOGS

Therapy dogs are certified pet dogs that provide comfort to many people.

- > Provide comfort to people in libraries, schools or other settings
- > Only wear vests during approved visits and not allowed in public places

KNOW THE LAW

Businesses can ask two questions:
"Is the dog a service animal required for a disability?"
"What task or work has the dog been trained to perform?"

Any dog in a public place must be under control and behave in a safe manner.
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