



What can a business ask?

“Is the dog a service animal required because of a disability?”

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

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A SERVICE DOG IS MORE THAN A VEST™

Type of Dog	Definition	Access Rights	Training Required	What to Do If the Dog is Misbehaving
 <p>Service/Assistance Dog</p>	A dog trained in specific tasks that mitigate the handler’s disability.	Permitted with handler in any place the public is allowed.	Extensively trained to perform specific tasks to mitigate effects of handler’s disability.	Must be in control at all times and behave in a safe manner. Aggression or continued misconduct can result in the dog’s removal under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).
 <p>Puppy in Training</p>	A dog that is learning tasks for a handler with a disability or for a program that provides service dogs.	With permission. Rely on goodwill of businesses for access to prepare the puppy for service. Some state laws permit equal access.	In the process of training and socialization to mitigate the effects of disability.	Must be in control at all times and behave in a safe manner. Puppies in training rely on the goodwill of businesses for access, but can be removed.
 <p>Facility Dog</p>	A dog trained in specific tasks to work with professionals and their clients in healthcare, visitation or educational settings.	Extensively trained to perform specific tasks to assist professionals to improve client outcomes.	Extensively trained to perform specific tasks to assist professionals to improve client outcomes.	Must be in control at all times and behave in a safe manner. No public access without clients present.
 <p>Emotional Support</p>	A dog or other animal whose sole function is to provide comfort or provide emotional support to its owner with a disability.	Only allowed in the owner’s home or dormitory as outlined in the Fair Housing Act.	Basic manners expected but none required by law.	No public access.
 <p>Therapy Dog</p>	A certified pet that provides comfort in an approved setting.	Only with permission from the approved setting. Vests ONLY worn during approved visits.	Basic obedience and appropriate temperament expected.	No public access.