

ACCESSIBILITY MATTERS!

SERVICE & THERAPY ANIMALS

A service or therapy animal is any animal trained to assist a person with a disability.

That typically is a guide dog for the visually impaired, but could include other roles, like alerting persons of an oncoming seizure, assisting people with autism, epilepsy, mental health disabilities, and physical disabilities. An emotional support animal offers comfort and calm to help with fear and anxiety

While the most common service animals are dogs; however other species, such as monkeys, ferrets, snakes or miniature horses are also used to provide support.

Not all service animals wear a harness or vest.

SERVICE ANIMALS ARE NOT PETS.



People who use service animals should not face additional fees or requirements that apply to pets.

While businesses can say “no pets allowed,” they can’t deny you service because of a service animal.

ARE THERE ANY EXCEPTIONS?

Laws forbid service animals from certain premises, typically where food is processed manufactured, stored or sold.

SERVICE ANIMALS HAVE A JOB TO DO

Avoid touching, distracting, interacting, or feeding a service animal.

Next time you see an animal in an unconventional place, stop and consider that the individual might have a silent or unseen disability. And that seemingly out of place animal might in fact be saving a life!

