



**Specifically trained to perform tasks that mitigate a handler's disability.**

**Trained to bring comfort and joy to those in a hospital, school or other group care environments**

**Provides support and emotional comfort to a handler with a mental illness**



**I am a Service Animal and my right to accompany my handler is protected by Federal Law**

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990

Businesses May ask:

- 1) Is this a Service Dog?
- 2) What tasks does the Service Animal perform?

Businesses May Not:

- 1) Require special identification for the animal.
- 2) Ask about the person's disability.
- 3) Charge additional fees because of the animal.
- 4) Refuse admittance, isolate, segregate, or treat this person less favorably than other patrons.

A person with a disability cannot be asked to remove his service animal from the premises unless:

- 1) the animal is out of control and the animal's owner does not take effective action to control it.
- 2) the animal poses a direct threat to the health or safety of others.

Any business that sells or prepares food must allow service animals in public areas even if state or local health codes prohibit animals on the premises.

Refusal to provide equal access to people with disabilities with service animals is a federal civil rights violation, provided by the American Disability Act of 1990. Violators of the ADA can be required to pay money damages and penalties.



Questions? Call the ADA  
1-800-514-0301

An agency of the US Department  
of Justice Civil Rights Division

***Is it a real service dog? How do I tell if its real? Will they bite or attack me? If their working why are they just laying down, and that person doesn't look disabled.***

Any breed of dog can be a service dog but not every dog is suited for it. They come in all sizes.

The best way to tell if it real or fake, is by its behavior. A real, properly trained service dog also called an assistance dog should be well mannered. Not barking, lunging, pulling on leash, sniffing everything and everyone, and should be toilet trained.

Assistance dogs are there to help their disabled human even when we can't see that's there's something wrong respect others privacy. The dogs are trained for up to 2 years and put in situations that will really test their patience, motivation, and desire to want to help their person.

Service dogs should NEVER act aggressive be trained to attack, such as police dogs, military, or personal protection dogs. These dogs are medical equipment, and with their years of training, they are trained NOT supposed to react to other things, even another dog that's barking at them.

Remember that a service dog or assistance dog is there to help their human, and not there for others, not to be played with, or pet, unless the dogs handler allows it when you ask. Always ask first.

The dogs are working so let them do what they need to do. Because of the many things they help with, that are aloud by state and federal laws to accompany there human anywhere, even if the establishment doesn't allow pets, these are working dogs, and they have legal rights to accompany their disabled human anywhere the public can go.

These dogs were started out assisting only the blind, (guide dogs) but now there have branched out to help a multitude of medical conditions.

Mobility assistance dogs	Hearing dogs for hard of hearing of deaf	Autism service dog
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pulling a wheelchair</li> <li>• Balancing their person with walking</li> <li>• Picking up dropped items, putting items in shopping cart, carrying grocery's</li> <li>• Helping pull clothes off</li> <li>• Unzipping a jacket</li> <li>• Pulling off socks and shoes</li> <li>• Retrieving items from a different room</li> <li>• Going and getting help</li> <li>• Calling 911</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Letting person know of a knock at the door</li> <li>• If phone rings, they can bring it to their person</li> <li>• Alerting to emergency sirens</li> <li>• Let owner know if his/her name was called or said</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stopping a child from walking into the road</li> <li>• Interfering with self-injury</li> <li>• Grounding- laying on the person or child's lower body to calm them down. (Similar to a weighted blanket)</li> <li>• Guiding their person to an exit when there's too much stress, noise or stimulation going on.</li> </ul>

Seizure alert dog	Diabetic alert dog
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Letting owner know ahead of time that there going to have a seizure, so they can get to a safe place and prepare</li> <li>• Pulling a wheelchair</li> <li>• Calling 911</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alerting to lows and spikes in their human's blood sugar</li> <li>• Caring a vest with emergency information, medication, and snacks if they alert to a low in the blood sugar.</li> <li>• Calling 911</li> </ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Finding and showing a person where their person is in an emergency</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If their person passes out they can go find help and guide them to their person for emergency care</li> </ul>
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<p>PTSD, Anxiety, panic attack, psychiatric alert/ response dog</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Army veterans are not the only people who can get PTSD. PTSD can affect people who have had Childhood trauma, abuse of any form, hostages, rape victims, and many others.</li> <li>• The dog can act as a barricade and stand in between people that are getting to close for comfort.</li> <li>• Finding a safe quiet place for their person to calm down and regroup</li> <li>• Finding an exit</li> <li>• Waking up their person from nightmares at night, and turning the lights on</li> <li>• Going into a room, house, environment and search for any dangers and letting their person know it's safe.</li> </ul>
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***Don't they have to be professionally trained? Shouldn't the dog be certified, have a vest, or registered? I'm disabled so why can't my dog go everywhere too?***



Service dogs do not have to be trained by a company or agency, they can be owner trained. There is no law saying the dog must come from a training facility, if the dog is well mannered, socialized, potty trained, focused, and preforms tasks specifically related to their persons disability then it can qualify as a service dog.

NOTE: if the dog's sole purpose is for comfort or emotional support its NOT a service dog according to the law. If you have anxiety or panic attacks it doesn't mean you can benefit from the use of a service dog. It means the dog MUST be trained to do something, like get help, blocking people form standing too close, retrieve medications, Etc.

It's not any paper, id tag, or vest that makes them a service dog, it's the intense training and work they do that makes them one. Even without a vest the dog still knows how to preform and work. A vest, capes, harnesses, and packs are more for others to identify it as something other than a pet. They can help let people know not to touch them, leave them alone, because there working. They can be beneficial, but the law does not require a vest, "ID card" or "certification"

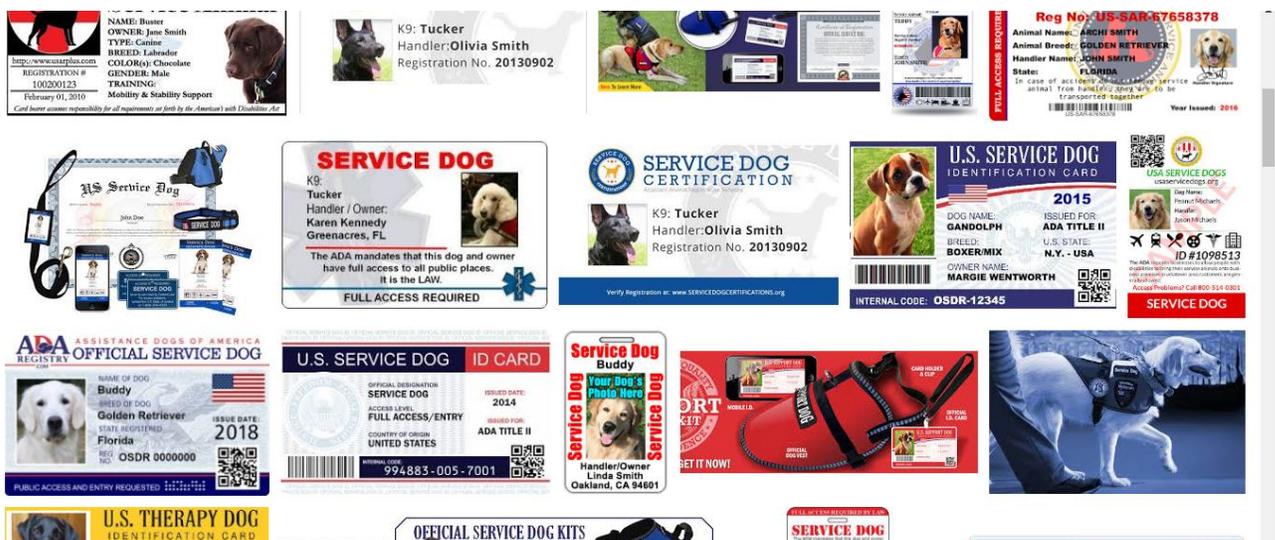
Online there are many websites that claim if you pay \$\$\$ your dog can be a service dog and go everywhere too!!! These are SCAMS, not official, or real in any way, and have no meaning.

If you start searching the Internet for service dog paraphernalia, or even just typing in service dog into a search engine. You would be shocked. Without any proof of an animal's training or abilities, Amazon, eBay, and hundreds of other sites will sell you vests, "certification", "id tags", "official" engraved badges, even a letter from a 'doctor' saying you need the dog with you. All without ever meeting you, having any medical records, all you need to do is to fill out a few yes or no questions.

You pay and a few days later your package comes with your selected items indicating that your dog is a "Service Dog," an "Emotional Support Dog," or a "Therapy Dog." For a few bucks more you can purchase an ominous legal-looking card saying you are prepared to sue the skeptical restaurant owner who thinks their no-pets allowed policy applies to your puppy.

Websites of dubious service and emotional support animal "registries." For example, the United States Dog Registry will certify any dog as a "service dog" or a "therapy dog" for \$58, and an outfit called ESA of America will happily certify your pet rat, hamster, or iguana as an "emotional support animal." (Sample ESA customer testimonial– "I have now taken 3 flights with my dog, and the peace of mind of being able to just pack up and go anywhere I want with him is the greatest thing ever.")

<https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/animals-and-us/201406/service-animal-scams-growing-problem>





The Service Dog Deluxe Kit includes:

- **Certificate** (with the handler's name, the service dog's name, and the date of registration)
- **ID card** (also shows the handler's name, service DOG)
- **Service dog leash** (6 feet long and 0.75" wide, durable, and has a loop handle)
- **Service dog collar** (comes in a variety of sizes)
- **Electronic copy of certificate and ID card** (sent to your email as soon as they are available but in some cases can take up to 36 hours)
- Additional options are available, if you would like to add a tag, pouch, additional vest, or ID card

has an embroidered patch that says "SERVILE DOG")

Service dog leash (6 feet long and 0.75" wide

## Service Dog Deluxe Kit

SKU: N/A.

**\$199**

Size

Clear selection

### Service Dog Handler Name \*

Only one handler per registration please (if you wish to add an additional handler, please contact us after you have completed your order).

13 CHARACTERS REMAINING

### Service Dog Name \*

18 CHARACTERS REMAINING

### Add Extra ID Cards to Order

### Add Extra Service Dog Tags to Order

### Collar Size \*

View Collar

### Add Pouch to Order

The service dog pouch measures approximately 7"x5"x2", has a zipper, and is great for storing important items. Also has 2 clips which allow you to clip the pouch to a vest or a handbag. [View Pouch](#)

### Add Cardholder and Lanyard to Order

The cardholder and lanyard allows you to insert one of your ID cards into the cardholder and wear around your neck for easy identification. Includes clip for detaching the cardholder if needed. [View Cardholder and Lanyard](#)

### Add Additional Vest to Order

### Add Dog Photo \*

Add an optional photo of your dog for printing on the ID card. If you do not wish to add a photo, please check the box below that states "Check this box if you don't want to add a photo of your dog to the ID card"

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### Things To Watch Out For

- 1) Instant ESA letter approval - If all you did was answer a few questions

online and then are instantly approved for an ESA letter you are being scammed.

You must talk to a board-certified doctor licensed to practice in your state, on

the phone or in person, to find out if you qualify for an ESA letter.

- 2) Shockingly cheap ESA letter - Quite simply, if it is too good to be true, then it probably is.

Building a large network of licensed, high quality doctors covering just about every

state is both time consuming and costly. These cheap ESA letter companies are cutting corners, typically

having you speak to an overseas doctor not licensed to practice in your state, or just generating you a letter with a fake doctor's name/signature on it. Be careful!

- 3) Registration only websites - If the website "registers" your pet as an emotional support animal, but doesn't have you speak to a doctor, your pet is not eligible for the benefits of an ESA letter (airplane and housing). A certificate with your dog's name on it is not a substitute for a doctor's letter.

- 4) Multiple year ESA letters - ESA letters NEED to be renewed every year by talking to a doctor. Any company selling you a multi-year or lifetime ESA doctor's letter is scamming you.
- 5) Take your pet anywhere claims – An ESA letter gives your pet the right to fly in the cabin of an airplane and live in “not pet policy” housing with no pet security deposit. Any claim beyond that is a lie. You cannot take your pet into public places like restaurants, theaters, libraries, etc. Only service animals have the freedom to go just about anywhere with few restrictions.



Taking your pet trained or untrained, disability or no disability causes many problems. 1, its illegal and your lying, taking advantage over the system. Unlike a handicapped parking spot where if you don't have a tag then you are fined, and your vehicle can be towed. It is harder to tell a real SD from a pet these days with all these online scams. But regardless your “taking away that parking spot from someone who can't function without it”.

Taking your pet with you is a choice, many disabled individuals don't get a choice, if they need to leave the house are their legs are paralyzed, they can't leave the wheelchair at home.

Same for a service dog, people rely on these dogs to help them be more independent, they can alert to an oncoming life-threatening emergency, allowing more time for the person to call 911, get medication, let an employee know that something is about to happen, and what they need to do. It also saves valuable minutes for emergency responders, because the dog was like an alarm. Letting them know of a danger, to save them.

Anyone with money can get a vest, certifications, or id. It's not the vest that makes it a service dog, it's the intense training.

You can have a disability and a dog, but that doesn't make it ok to take them with you. Don't take advantage of the system.

Cats, pigs, snakes, ferrets, chickens and any other animal can be a service dog. Only dogs can be service animals, and miniature horses.

Miniature Horses are also recognized as ADA service animals. Dogs and miniature horses receive special protections under the ADA, so they can accompany their owners in public places that animals are typically prohibited — including restaurants, airplanes, stores, and hotels. Moreover, since service animals are considered medically necessary, disabled people who own these hardworking, furry friends cannot be denied housing, even if your landlord has a no-pets rule.

In all 50 states it is illegal to harass or distract a service dog on duty.

Service dogs are always on duty, even when there playing at home, they still alert, or assist their handler, there work never stops. And regardless if it's a SD or not you should always, always, always ask before petting or engaging someone's dog

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## **Service dog etiquette**

### **1. Speak to the owner/handler rather than the dog.**

The service dog and her handler are a team. If you want to talk to them, always speak to the person first rather than automatically approaching the dog. Remember, the animal is working, and her human's life could depend on her staying focused on her job.

### **2. Don't touch the dog.** Touching or petting a working dog is a distraction and may prevent him from tending to his human partner. The dog may be in the process of completing a command or direction given by his human, and you don't want to interfere.

Fortunately, most service dogs are trained to stay in work mode until they receive a release command from their handler. That's why many service dogs are able to ignore outside influences.

### **3. Please keep your own pets and kids away from a working dog**

If you do see a dog either clearly marked or not as a SD, don't allow your pet or kids to approach them without first talking with the handler to see if it's ok

Other animals are an obvious distraction to working dogs, and in a worst-case scenario, there could be an altercation between the two animals.

### **4. Never assume a napping service dog is "off duty"**

All dogs nap, including working dogs. When her handler is sitting or standing for some length of time, it's perfectly natural and appropriate for a service dog to catch a few ZZZ. She's still technically at work, however, so all dos and don'ts remain in effect.

### **5. Working dogs do get time to 'just be dogs'**

Working dogs typically get plenty of R&R and playtime. When they're home and out of their "work clothes," they're free to behave like any other dog. Since the jobs these wonderful animals do are often challenging, their handlers recognize they need plenty of downtime and exercise.

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# ***What's the difference between a service dog, therapy dog and Emotional support dog?***

## ***Do they all have the same rights?***

ESA- Emotional support animals (ESA) do not have any special training and it is not required by law. Their primary role is to provide emotional comfort, companionship, friendship and affection to their owner. Emotional support dogs and cats are allowed access to “no pets policy” housing and in the cabin of airplanes with a letter from a licensed mental health professional.

SD- Service dogs are entitled to accompany their handlers wherever their handlers go.

TD- Therapy dogs are also highly trained, but compared to services animals, they are taught to be more socially adjusted to various people. Most therapy dogs are situated at hospitals, schools or communities that require calming, psychological and physiological healing. Therapy dogs do not have access like service dogs and emotional support dogs.

	Service dogs	Therapy dogs	Emotional support dogs
Specially trained (task- trained)			
Allowed by federal law to accompany handler in restaurants, stores, movie theatres, etc.			
Allowed by federal law to stay with people who are disabled in apartments that have “no pet” policies			
Trained to assist just one person			
Provide emotional comfort to many people			
Must be certified or registered			

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