

# SERVICE DOG VS ESA VS IN TRAINING VS THERAPY ANIMAL



**Assistance/Service Dog    Emotional Support Dog    Puppies in Training    Therapy Animal**

**DEFINITION**

A dog trained in specific tasks that mitigate the handler's disability	A dog or other animal whose sole function is to provide comfort or emotional support to its owner	A dog that is learning tasks for a handler with a disability or for a program that provides service dogs	A temperament tested pet providing comfort in an approved facility
Permitted with handler in any place the public is allowed	Only allowed in owner's home or college dorm as outlined in Fair Housing Act	With permission. Rely on goodwill of businesses for access to prepare the puppy for service	Only with permission in a designated facility

**ACCESS RIGHTS**

## 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?"

**TRAINING REQUIRED**

Extensively trained to perform specific tasks to mitigate effects of handler's disability	Basic manners expected but none required by law	In the process of training and socialization to mitigate the effects of a disability	Basic obedience and sound temperament expected but not required.
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## What if the Animal is Misbehaving?

Must be in control at all times and behave in a safe manner. Aggression or failure to remedy misbehavior can result in a dog's removal from a business under the ADA	<b><u>Can be removed</u></b>	Must be in control at all times and behave in a safe manner. Puppies in training rely on the goodwill of the businesses for access, but can be removed.	<b><u>Can be removed</u></b>
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