

TYPES OF DOGS WHO ASSIST PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES



	SERVICE DOG / ASSISTANCE DOG	THERAPY DOG	EMOTIONAL SUPPORT ANIMAL
<i>WHO THEY ASSIST</i>	One person who has a disability	Many people, with no specific characteristics	One person with a mental health diagnosis
<i>NAME OF THE DOG'S PERSON</i>	Handler	Handler	Owner
<i>HOW THEY ASSIST</i>	Provide trained skills to mitigate the effects of their disability	Provide various trained skills to comfort or assist people	Provide emotional support through companionship
<i>EXAMPLES OF TRAINED SKILLS</i>	Alerting to medical cond., guiding, mobility assistance, retrieves, etc.	Trained to interact with people to make them feel better	No training required. No trained skills
<i>LOCATIONS THEY ARE ABLE TO GO IN PUBLIC</i>	Anywhere the public is normally allowed to go*	Designated facilities where they have been invited	Not allowed in public
<i>**HOUSING CONSIDERATIONS</i>	Can live anywhere, even if there are "no pets" policies	No special housing privileges	Can live anywhere, even if there are "no pets" policies
<i>TOLERATION OF NEW EXPERIENCES & ENVIRONMENTS</i>	They need to be VERY tolerant of new experiences and comfortable in various new environments	They need to be comfortable in the specific settings they go into	They do not need to be tolerant of new experiences or environments

*There are exceptions to where an assistance dog can go in public

**According to the Fair Housing Act in the United States