



Service Animals and Food Handlers



Dogs whose sole function is to provide **comfort or emotional support** do not qualify as service animals under the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Service animals are **dogs that are individually trained to work or perform tasks for people with disabilities.**

Food handlers **should not touch or handle service animals** while working.

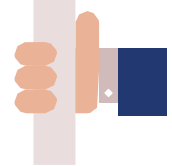
Service animals must be under control. The animal must be harnessed, leashed, or tethered. Aggressive or unruly animals not under the control of the handler may be excluded.



Staff may ask two questions:

1. Is the dog a service animal required because of a disability?
2. What work or task has the dog been trained to perform?

Establishments may allow pets on outdoor patios only.



Service animals are generally not allowed in grocery carts. They must be on the floor or carried by the handler.

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Service animals are not allowed on dining tables or seats.

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements regarding service animals are available at www.ADA.gov.