



EMOTIONAL
SUPPORT
ANIMAL
(ESA) CERTIFIED
THERAPY
PET

ALLOWED ACTIVITY	SERVICE DOG	EMOTIONAL SUPPORT ANIMAL (ESA)	CERTIFIED THERAPY PET
Legal right to be in all public places with the person they are assisting.	✓	✗	✗
May live with owners regardless of pet policy.	✓	✓	✗
May accompany owners on commercial airlines.	✓	* 🐾	✗
Specifically trained to do work or perform tasks for one individual with a disability.	✓	✗	✗
Prescribed by a licensed mental health professional to provide emotional support.	✗	✓	✗
Provides companionship and comfort to many people.	✗	✗	✓
Trained to tolerate a wide range of environments and people.	✓	✗	✓

*varies by airline

Businesses can ask two questions:

- ① “Is the service dog required for a disability?”
- ② “What task or work has the service dog been trained to perform?”

To learn more about the differences between Therapy Pets, Service Dogs and Emotional Support Animals, please visit:

www.ada.gov or

<https://www.loveonaleash.org/what-is-a-service-animal/>



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