

Assistance Animals and Federal Rights of Access

Animal works with handler *for benefit of others*

Animal works with handler *for benefit of handler*
2 groups with federal rights of access



ANIMAL-ASSISTED INTERVENTION

STOP!



No Federal right of access!

Animal-Assisted Therapy
Animal-Assisted Education
Animal-Assisted Activities

Any facility may *choose* to grant access

EMOTIONAL SUPPORT ANIMALS

NOT TRAINED FOR SPECIFIC TASK

CAUTION!



Limited Federal right of access

Federal rights of access via

1) Air Carrier Access Act (ACA)

Relates **ONLY** to airline travel

2) Fair Housing Act (FHA)

Relates **ONLY** to housing

Requires medical documentation

Any facility may *choose* to grant access

SERVICE ANIMALS

MUST PERFORM SPECIFIC TASK RELATED TO DISABILITY

OK!



Federal right of access via Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

Allowed wherever public may go

Task on command or on cue

Dog or miniature horse

Includes psychiatric service animals

No standardized certification

For more information

please visit

<http://vtvets.org/>

<https://www.avma.org/assistanceanimals>

