

# A SERVICE DOG IS MORE THAN A VEST™

Decoding Dogs – What To Know



## SERVICE DOGS

**Service dogs are trained in specific tasks to assist a person with a disability.**

- > Allowed anywhere their handlers are permitted, like a movie theater, hospital or restaurant
- > Highly trained and socialized to be safe in public

## FUTURE SERVICE DOGS

**Future service dogs are learning to assist a person with a disability.**

- > Public access laws for future service dogs vary by state. Canine Companions puppies rely on the goodwill of businesses to help prepare them for their jobs



## FACILITY DOGS

**Facility dogs are trained in specific tasks to work alongside professionals.**

- > Clients include those in a healthcare, visitation or educational setting. Their skills help improve client outcomes
- > Allowed in the handler's workplace, but not in other public places

## EMOTIONAL SUPPORT ANIMALS

**Emotional support animals provide comfort to people with mental health conditions.**

- > Pets that are allowed in housing, even if the property has a no-pet policy
- > Not allowed in public places



## THERAPY DOGS

**Therapy dogs are certified pet dogs that provide comfort to many people.**

- > Provide comfort to people in libraries, schools or other settings
- > Only wear vests during approved visits and not allowed in public places

## KNOW THE LAW

**Businesses can ask two questions:**  
 "Is the dog a service animal required for a disability?"  
 "What task or work has the dog been trained to perform?"

Any dog in a public place must be under control and behave in a safe manner.  
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