

# Types of Assistance Animals

| Comparison:  | Service Dog | Facility Dog | Skilled Companion Dog | Therapy Dog | Emotional Support Dog |
|--|-------------|--------------|-----------------------|-------------|-----------------------|
| Specially trained to assist just one person by performing tasks to mitigate a disability         | ✓           | ✗            | ✓                     | ✗           | ✗                     |
| Provides emotional support and comfort to many people  | ✗           | ✓            | ✗                     | ✓           | ✗                     |
| Has legal right to enter public establishments under the ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act)   | ✓           | ✗            | ✗                     | ✗           | ✗                     |
| Needs to tolerate a variety of experiences, people, and environments                             | ✓           | ✓            | ✗                     | ✓           | ✗                     |
| Primary function is the provide support in the home by performing tasks to mitigate a disability | ✗           | ✗            | ✓                     | ✗           | ✗                     |
| Specially trained to assist many people through both comfort and by performing tasks             | ✗           | ✓            | ✗                     | ✗           | ✗                     |
| Primary function is the provide emotional comfort to one person through companionship            | ✗           | ✗            | ✗                     | ✗           | ✓                     |
| May live with their disabled owners, even in places with "no pet" policies                       | ✓           | ✗            | ✓                     | ✗           | ✓                     |

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## *at Retrieving Independence*

| Comparison:   | Service Dog | Facility Dog | Skilled Companion Dog |
|---|-------------|--------------|-----------------------|
| Specially trained to assist just one person by performing tasks to mitigate a disability        | ✓           | ✗            | ✓                     |
| Has legal right to enter public establishments under the ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act)  | ✓           | ✗            | ✗                     |
| Needs to tolerate a variety of experiences, people, and environments                            | ✓           | ✓            | ✗                     |
| Primary function is to provide support in the home by performing tasks to mitigate a disability | ✗           | ✗            | ✓                     |
| Specially trained to assist many people through both comfort and by performing tasks            | ✗           | ✓            | ✗                     |
| May live with their disabled owners, even in places with "no pet" policies                      | ✓           | ✗            | ✓                     |

