

SERVICE AND SUPPORT ANIMALS

Under the ADA, a service animal is a dog trained to perform a disability-related task. "Support animal" on the other hand refers to any animal that provides disability-related support. While many federal and local governments acknowledge difference in coverage, the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the City of Pittsburgh categorize the use of both types of animals as protected against discrimination.



SERVICE ANIMALS

- Many federal and state agencies protect service animals against discrimination in employment and public accommodations.
- Service animals perform specific disability-related tasks
- Service animals are always dogs.



SUPPORT ANIMALS

- Support animals provide disability-related support, emotional or otherwise.
- Support animals need not perform a specific task.
- Support animals need not be dogs.



HOUSING AND THE CITY OF PITTSBURGH

- HUD guidance classifies support animals and service animals together as "assistance animals."
- Pittsburgh classifies service and support animals together in housing, employment, and public accommodations.



If you experience disability discrimination in a Pittsburgh public accommodation, call 3-1-1 to get connected with the right department for your concerns or contact PghCHR at 412-255-2600

