

# How do I know how my animal is classified?

## SERVICE DOGS

A **dog** → individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of a disability → THIS is a **service animal**.

- Recognized by the ADA (It is the handler's right to have the dog provide a service).
- Can go everywhere handler goes; trained to respond to handler's needs.
- The use of this animal on campus does not prompt registration with Disability Services or College Housing.

## EMOTIONAL SUPPORT ANIMALS

A **dog/cat** → not trained to respond to any stimuli, animal's presence is its value → THIS is an **assistance/emotional support animal**.

- Covered under the Fair Housing Act (not recognized by ADA because there is no right to comfort).
- Animal's presence as support, well-being, or comfort **does not** constitute work or tasks.
- The use of this animal in Housing must be approved through Disability Services and College Housing.

## SERVICE DOGS IN TRAINING

A **dog** → you are training to perform a task for the benefit of a disability → dog must be accompanied by approved trainer at all times → THIS is a **service animal in training**.

- ADA recognizes one's ability to train their own animal. However, the ADA **does not** recognize a **service animal in training** as a service dog and does not allow the same access.
- Texas Law allows for Service Animals in Training, but must be accompanied by approved handler at all times.
- The use of this animal on campus must be approved through Disability Services.
- If student is the approved (certified) trainer, then documentation stating such must be provided to Disability Services. If student is NOT approved trainer, student and service dog in training must be accompanied by approved trainer at all times.