

ESA CLINICAL DOCUMENTATION

ADA Service Animal

"Service animal" means any dog individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability, including a physical, sensory, psychiatric, intellectual, or other mental disability, and which meets the definition of "service animal" under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) regulations at 28 CFR 35.104. The work or tasks performed by a service animal must be directly related to the individual's disability.

Service animals work and perform tasks to assist persons with disabilities and are not pets. Members of the University community must not:

- 1. Touch or feed a service animal unless invited to do so;
- 2. Deliberately distract or startle a service animal;
- 3. Separate or attempt to separate a service animal from the person using the animal's service; or
- 4. Ask for a demonstration of the animal's abilities.

ESA: Emotional Support Animal

"Emotional support animal" means an animal that provides a therapeutic benefit(s) to its owner through emotional support, calming, stability, and other kinds of assistance to help alleviate symptoms associated with a disability. Emotional support animals do not perform work or tasks that would qualify them as "service animals" under the Americans with Disabilities Act. Emotional support animals that are not service animals under the ADA may still be permitted, in certain circumstances, as outlined in this policy and in accordance with the Fair Housing Act.

To be completed by a licensed diagnostician If the client with a disability has the certification from the Service Animal Organization that trained the canine, please attach a copy of certification and disregard the questions below.

- 1. Please provide <u>specific evidence</u> that the disability results in a functional limitation requiring an ESA (emotional support animal).
- 2. Please provide specific details on work and/or tasks performed by the ESA for the client.

Name AND Profession of Diagnostician Completing Form		Date	
Signature		 Phone #	
Professional License/Certification #	// State Issuing		