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**Animal helpers for humans.**

**What is a service animal?**

[Service animals](https://tpchd.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/Service-Animals-Welcome-Sign.pdf) are dogs or miniature horses trained to do specific work to help disabled people. Pets and comfort or companion animals that provide emotional support are not service animals.

**What do they do?**

Some of the things service animals help with:

* Alert a person with diabetes when their blood glucose level is too high or low.
* Remind a person with depression to take their medication.
* Detect the onset of seizures for a person with epilepsy.

**Where are they allowed?**

Anywhere the general public can go:

* Food establishments (including buffets).
* Grocery stores.
* Clothing stores.
* Schools.
* Sporting events.
* Festivals or fairs.

**Some food establishments may also allow pet dogs.**Check with the food establishment.

**Resources**

Learn more about [service animals and the Americans with Disabilities Act](https://www.ada.gov/topics/service-animals/).