

12/21/2023

To Whom It May Concern,


Member of the Armed Forces Devon Germano (8/5/1995), is my patient and has been under my care since 12/21/2023. He sought treatment for a mental health-related disorder that can be found in the DSM V. I'm familiar with his emotional-mental history and with the functional limitations imposed by this mental health-related disorder. Due to this mental health-related disorder, Mr. Germano has certain limitations in coping with what would otherwise be considered normal, but significant day-to-day situations.

To help alleviate the challenges experienced from the mental health-related disorder and to enhance his day-to-day functionality, Mr. Germano obtained a dog as an emotional support animal, specifically a German Shepherd, by the name of Badger (70 lbs). This animal is necessary for the mental health of Mr. Germano because he reported it's presence will mitigate the symptoms he is currently experiencing.

I am licensed to practice psychotherapy, diagnose, and treat individuals with mental health-related disorders. My license number is 12774490-3902. I provide assessment, diagnosis, and referrals for treatment recommendations, including ESA support. My training for the process is forensic, and I take an evaluator stance, as I align with APA standards. This letter should suffice as proof of treatment and certification of obtaining and keeping an emotional support animal, per the request of Mr. Germano. As a reasonable accommodation, please allow Mr. Germano's ESA to live in his dwelling in accordance with The Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988.

Please note that Mr. Germano understands that he has sole responsibility for his ESA's behavior, health, and cleanliness. Mr. Germano is also aware that representing his ESA as a service animal is illegal, that he will be liable for any sanctions and action as a result, and therefore will not misrepresent the type of assistance animal he has. This letter is only valid for a year. Another evaluation to determine eligibility is needed to renew a letter potentially. For any questions or concerns, contact the number below, and I will respond within 2-3 business days.

Sincerely,



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