

🐾 EMOTIONAL SUPPORT ANIMALS (“ESA”) AND YOUR RIGHTS 🐾

- 🐾 ESAs are **not** pets. Pet rent, pet deposits, and breed restrictions do not apply.
- 🐾 Legally, an ESA does not need to be “registered” – businesses that claim to register ESAs are often charging for an unnecessary service.
- 🐾 Service animals are trained to perform a specific task. ESAs provide emotional or mental support or comfort to a person with a disability. Both types of assistance animals are protected under fair housing laws.
- 🐾 ***Can my landlord restrict what type of animal I can have?***
While unique animals are not necessarily excluded, your landlord may request additional information about why a disability requires an animal that is not commonly kept in households (e.g. dog, cat, bird, rabbit).
- 🐾 ***What can I do if my landlord asks me to remove my animal?***
If you need the animal due to a disability, you may submit a reasonable accommodation request. A reasonable accommodation is a request for an exception to a rule or policy where necessary to allow a person with a disability the equal use and enjoyment of their home, such as an exception to a no pets policy or breed restriction. Although it is best to do it before you bring the animal home, you can ask for a reasonable accommodation at any time, including after you receive a notice asking you to remove the animal. Medical verification may be required.
- 🐾 ***What can I do if my landlord retaliates or terminates my tenancy?***
Retaliation is illegal and landlords generally cannot evict you without a proper notice and court procedure. You have rights and should seek legal advice.

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