

# Know the difference between... service dogs

## therapy dogs and emotional support animals!



COMPARISON	SERVICE DOGS	THERAPY DOGS	EMOTIONAL SUPPORT ANIMALS
ADA covered rights to bring animals into public establishments including food establishments	✓	✗	✗
Needs to tolerate a wide variety of environments and people	✓	✓	✗
Specifically trained to assist just one person	✓	✗	✗
Primary function to provide emotional support through companionship	✗	✗	✓
Provides support and comfort to many people	✗	✓	✗
Allowed to ride in shopping carts or sit on tables and chairs	✗	✗	✗

If you have any concerns about an animal's demeanor or behavior, you can ask two questions of the owner:

1. Is it a service animal?
2. What is it trained to do?

More at [www.washoecounty.us/health](http://www.washoecounty.us/health)

**WASHOE COUNTY  
HEALTH DISTRICT**  
ENHANCING QUALITY OF LIFE