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Service Animals and Emotional Support Animals in Victim Services

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What is a service animal?

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What are the different types of service animals?

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In terms of service animals, what is meant by “public access”?

Does access have anything to do with breed?

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What is the difference between a service animal and an emotional support animal?
What is the difference between service animals and therapy animals?
How do I know if an animal really is a service/emotional support animal?

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What questions can I legally ask someone about their service animal?

What paperwork or credentialing can I request?

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What laws pertain to service animals?

How does the Fair Housing Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act affect the different types of assistance animals?

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What laws pertain to emotional support animals?

What legal protections do they have?

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What training do service animals receive?

What training do emotional support animals receive?

What training do therapy animals receive?

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What are the costs involved in getting a service animal?

What collateral resources exist to help pay for a service animal?

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Do victim compensation programs pay for service animals?

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How would you go about referring someone to a service animal program or an emotional support animal program if they might benefit from one?

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What information can a landlord inquire about to determine whether a tenant actually needs a service animal?

Can a landlord deny someone their service animal?

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How do you write a letter for someone interested in an emotional support animal?

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Q&A

What advice would you give mental health practitioners that would like to incorporate animal-assisted therapy into their practice?

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What policies and procedures do shelters need to implement regarding service animals, emotional support animals, therapy animals, and pets?

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What is a Courthouse Facility Dog?

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How are Courthouse Facility Dogs used in victim services?

How are Courthouse Facility Dogs used in a forensic interview?

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How do you get a Courthouse Facility Dog?

What are the requirements and responsibilities?

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How do you counter potential issues posed by defense attorneys from using an emotional support animal or a Courthouse Facility Dog?

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