

## **Fair Housing Act** assistance animal accommodation procedure

A current or prospective tenant intends to reside with an animal. Is the animal a dog?

No, not a dog

Is it readily apparent that the dog is trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability?

Yes. a dog

Has the individual requested

Yes. readily apparent

No. not readily apparent

Ask: "Is the animal required because of a disability?"

Yes, disability requirement

No. not because of disability

Ask: "What work or task has the animal been trained to perform?". Is a work or task item identified?

Yes, work or task item identified

A reasonable accommodation for the animal is required under the Fair Housing Act, subject to the general exceptions in the 2020 HUD guidance.

Yes. unique

No. work

or task

item not

identified

a reasonable accommodation—that is, asked to get or keep an animal in connection with a physical or mental impairment or disability?

No. no accommodation request

The Fair Housing Act does not require an accommodation for the animal.

No. not unique

Does the requester have unique circumstances or a documented need for the unusual animal, as outlined in the 2020 HUD guidance?

No. not common M in households

Yes, common 🐳 in households

Is the animal commonly kept in households?

Has the requester provided info that reasonably supports that the animal

assistance info provided No, assistance info not provided

does work, performs tasks, provides assistance, and/or provides therapeutic emotional support with respect to the individual's disability?

Has the requester been given a reasonable opportunity to provide supporting info, as explained in the part of

Yes, opportunity given \

The housing provider must give the requester a reasonable opportunity to provide supporting info before making a determination.

No, opportunity 🐇 not vet given

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Yes, accommo -dation requested

or local laws may apply.

Does the person have an observable disability or does the housing provider/agent already have info giving them reason to believe that the person has a disability?

Yes, observed/ known disability

Consult HUD's guidance for details.

No, disability not observed/known

Has the requester provided info that reasonably supports that the person has a disability?

The Fair Housing Act applies to most housing in the US. In 2020, the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) issued

guidance about when a covered housing provider has to allow an animal as a disability accommodation for a (prospective) tenant.

Psychiatric Service Dog Partners' procedure flowchart uses this

Housing Act requires an animal accommodation. Other federal, state,

Housing providers and tenants should each try to keep clear records

addendum for any rental agreement, so there is no room for confusion.

of accommodation-related communication, including a provision/

guidance to more directly help you determine whether the Fair

Yes, disability info provided

No, disability info not provided

Yes.

HUD's 2020 guidance on "Guidance on Documenting an

Individual's Need for Assistance Animals in Housing"?