Airlines now consider Emotional Support Animals (ESAs) as pets per the new US Department of Transportation (DOT) ruling. Some airlines still allow ESAs onboard where pets are allowed, but for a fee.

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) defines a service animal as a dog that has been individually trained to do work or perform tasks for an individual with a disability. The task(s) performed by the dog must be directly related to the person's disability.

The DOT rule also clarifies that psychiatric service dogs – dogs that are trained to mitigate an individual's specific, diagnosed psychiatric disability – may also be considered service dogs.

If you believe your dog meets these requirements and is appropriately trained, it may qualify as a service animal. Should you have any questions regarding the status of your dog, call the ADA Information Line at 800-514-0301 (voice) or 800-514-0383 (TTY).
AKC is a co-founder of the American Service Dog Access Coalition (ASDAC), a charitable 501(c)3 organization dedicated to reducing the burdens faced by disabled individuals when traveling with service dogs. Working together with the broadest possible coalition of service dog experts and industry leaders, ASDAC seeks to end service dog fraud while raising service dog training standards and training opportunities. ASDAC is currently building Service Dog Pass, an "opt-in" service dog standards and credentialing system that will streamline the travel process for service dog teams while also reducing the challenges faced by venue providers when working to accommodate them. Service dog teams can be credentialed by passing an evaluation based on nationally recognized standards. This voluntary credentialing system will assure the public and venues you visit that service dogs with the Service Dog Pass patch meet certain health and behavioral standards, while providing teams with increased ease and confidence for travelling.

Our program is currently in beta testing.

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