



ESA Dogs - Do You Need One And Does Your Dog Qualify?

Owning a dog can relieve anxiety and stress, but does that make him/her qualify as an "Emotional Support Dog"?

Your pup brings you comfort in various stressful situations, just lying on your lap and petting your dog relaxes you and relieves anxiety. Dogs can be a form of therapy. However, for a dog to be legally considered an "Emotional Support Dog" a licensed doctor or mental health professional must prescribe the dog as a means of treatment for a diagnosed mental illness. There is a common misconception between a "Service Dog" and an "ESA Dog". The ESA Dog is prescribed to provide companionship, comfort and support. A Service Dog is specifically trained to perform tasks directly related to a person's disability. Comfort and support come naturally to a dog whereby a service dog goes through extensive training.

Emotional Support Animals have gained popularity and have been showing up on airline flights across the nation. Airlines have been cracking down on the definition and qualifications of an ESA animal, there is a lot of fraud on the internet giving ESA prescription letters for a price. If you believe you and your dog qualify for ESA status do the right thing and make an appointment with your medical professional.