












Three Types of Support Animals

Which is Right For You?

	 Service Dog	 Therapy Dog	 Emotional Support Dog
 Is legally allowed to accompany the handler into stores, restaurants, libraries, etc.	✓	✗	✗
 Must be allowed to live with owner even where there is a “no pets” policy.	✓	✗	✓
 Can fly in the cabin of a plane with the handler.	✓	✗	?*
 Must be able to tolerate novel environments, experiences, and interactions.	✓	✓	✗
 Is specially trained to help handler only with tasks the handler cannot perform due to a specific disability.	✓	✗	✗
 Is trained to provide comfort to many others at the handler’s direction.	✗	✓	✗
 Primary function is to provide general emotional comfort to the handler only.	✗	✗	✓
 Must wear special identifying gear.	✗	✓	✗

* As of 2022 many domestic and international airlines do not allow ESAs in the cabin. Handlers should check with airlines about their policies and requirements prior to booking.