

## **Service and Companion Animals**

Animals can be a major help to people with disabilities to live independently.

What's the difference between a service animal and a companion animal? A companion animal provides emotional support and comfort for individuals who may have depression, anxiety or veterans with post traumatic stress disorder.

A service animal is a guide dog, signal dog or other animal trained to do work, perform tasks or provide assistance for an individual with a disability.

## What else should I know?

- Reasonable accommodations must be provided for persons with a disability including the use of service or companion animals.
- A renter may have to verify the need for accommodation.

## The bottom line.

A renter cannot be turned away because of a service or companion animal.