

# Policy on Animals in Food Establishments

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## GENERAL OVERVIEW

- ❗ The only dogs permitted to be inside a grocery store are trained service dogs.
- ❗ Service dogs are “trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability”
- ❗ Service dogs must be under the control of their handlers and not in the grocery cart where customers place their food.
- ❗ Comfort Animals are not Service Animals.



## Is your dog a Service Animal?

- ❖ The only animals permitted to be inside stores that sell food are trained service dogs or trained service miniature horses.
- ❖ Other types of animals are not allowed.
- ❖ Is your dog required because of a disability?
- ❖ What work or task has your animal been trained to perform?

## Service Animal or Comfort/Emotional Support Animal

- ❖ Service animals are “trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability”.
- ❖ “Provision of emotional support, well-being, comfort, or companionship” does not meet the ADA definition of a trained service animal and these animals are not allowed to be inside food establishments.
- ❖ Service animals must be under the control of their handlers, and should not be inside of a shopping cart where other customers place their food items.

## Federal Law

- ❖ ADA 5 U.S.C. 301; 28 U.S.C. 509, 510; 42 U.S.C. 12186(b). Part 36 – Nondiscrimination on the basis of disability in public accommodations and commercial facilities.

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