AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB®

Canine Legislation Position Statement

MISUSE OF SERVICE DOGS

Service dogs are defined as those that are individually trained to do work or perform tasks for people with disabilities. The AKC® strongly supports public accommodations that allow individuals with disabilities to use service dogs.

The AKC strongly condemns characterizing dogs as service animals when they are not, or attempting to benefit from a dog's service dog status when the individual using the dog is not a person with a disability.