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Only when the individual's disability is not obvious, staff may ask the following two questions to determine whether an animal is a service animal:

- Is the animal a service animal required because of a disability?
- What task or service is the animal trained to perform?

The law requires staff to take the individual at their word. Service dogs are not required to be licensed or wear a vest.

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