

Health Care Professional's Letter
Recommendation of Assistance Animal

To: _____ (“HOA”)

1. (Print Patient Name) _____ is my patient or client with whom I have a professional relationship involving the provision of health care or disability-related services (“Patient”).

2. My name, business address, and business telephone number are (please print):

Name: _____ Address: _____

Phone: _____ Professional license: _____

3. I am a licensed health care professional practicing in the field of _____.

4. I recommend (type of animal) _____ for Patient. I am aware that Patient has or is requesting a waiver or an accommodation in the HOA’s practices, services or enforcement of rules.

5. (Indicate any of the following that apply)*

☐ Patient has a physical or mental impairment.

☐ Patient’s impairment substantially limits at least one major life activity or major bodily function.

☐ Patient needs the animal because it does work, provides assistance, or performs at least one task that benefits Patient because of Patient’s disability, or because it provides therapeutic emotional support to alleviate a symptom or an effect of the disability of Patient, and not merely as a pet.

6. I understand that this information is solely for the internal use of the HOA and that it will be kept confidential.

Date: _____

Signature

* Under fair housing laws, a person with a disability is defined as a person who has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities, a person who is regarded as having such an impairment, or a person with a record of such an impairment. Physical or mental impairments include, but are not limited to, orthopedic, visual, speech and hearing impairments, cerebral palsy, autism, epilepsy, muscular dystrophy, multiple sclerosis, cancer, heart disease, diabetes, HIV, intellectual disabilities, emotional illness, drug addiction (other than addiction caused by current, illegal use of a controlled substance) and alcoholism. The term “substantially limits” suggests that the limitation is significant to a large degree. The term “major life activity” means those activities that are of central importance to daily life, including but not limited to seeing, hearing, walking, breathing, performing manual tasks, caring for one’s self, learning, and speaking.