

Summary of States' Treatment of Assistance Animals

State	State Civil Rights Acts (Non-Discrimination) Iowa Code Chapter 216									Free Standing State / White Cane Laws (Rights of Persons with Disabilities) Iowa Code Chapter 216C							Civil Rights Act Combined With Free Standing Laws?	
	Pub. Accommodations Provision Defines SA?	Pub. Accommodations Provision Mentions SA?	Housing Provision Defines SA?	Housing Provision Mentions SA?	Housing Provisions Include Support/ Companion Animals	Other Provisions Mention or Define SA?	Provision Requiring Reasonable Modification of Policies & Practices?	Express Provision Prohibiting Discrimination in Sale or Rental of Real Property?	Comments	SA Laws Extended to People with Hearing Impairments?	SA Laws Extended to People with Visual Impairments?	SA Laws Extended to People with Physical Disabilities?	SA Laws Extended to Individuals With Mental Illness?	SAs Limited to Dogs?	Support/ Companion Animals Qualify as SAs?	Eligibility as SA Tied to Completion of Function or Task?		Comments
IA	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	As currently drafted, "service dog" does not appear to cover emotional / support animals since eligibility as a SA is tied to assisting with a disability and the statute limits disabilities to those that are physical.	No
8th Cir. States																		
AR	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes		No
MO	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes		No
MN	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	No	?	No	Yes	Though SA is defined as any animal trained to assist an individual with disability, the term never appears in any code provision pertaining to rights of individuals with disabilities. The term service dog, which MN fails to define, is used instead.	No
ND	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes		No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes		No
NV	Yes	Yes	?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	The public accommodations & employment provisions apply the ADA definition of SA. The housing provision does not define SA, but states it is unlawful discrimination if an "animal assists, supports, or provides service to person with a disability."	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	SA is defined as animal that is being trained to assist or accommodate a person with a disability. However, no explicit definition of "accommodate" exists.	Yes (but there are independent free standing laws as well)
SD	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes		Yes
Other States																		
CA	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	?	Yes	No	Yes		No
IL	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	?	No	?	Yes		No
MD	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes		No
NJ	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Service dog means any dog individually trained to the requirements of a person with a disability, including, but not limited to minimal protect work, rescue work, pulling a wheelchair or retrieving dropped items. The term includes a "seizure dog" to otherwise assist persons subject to epilepsy.	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes		Yes (but there are independent free standing laws as well)
RI	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	RI's requirement that SAs complete a task includes emotional and therapeutic tasks; also noteworthy is fact that RI's free standing state laws are enforced by the RI Commission for Human Rights., though the statute does not explicitly set forth penalties for violations.	No
WI	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	SA means a guide dog, signal dog, or other animal that is individually trained or is being trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of a person with a disability, including the work or task of guiding a person with impaired vision, alerting a person with impaired hearing to intruders or sound, providing minimal protection or rescue work, pulling a wheelchair, or fetching dropped items.	Yes	Yes	Yes	?	No	?	Yes		Yes (but there are independent free standing laws as well)

Table Key: ? = State has not explicitly addressed the issue
SA = Service Animal