



## *Assistance Dog Law*

### **Service Animal Definition**

(Effective March 15, 2011)

**“Service animal** means any **dog** that is individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability, including physical, sensory, psychiatric, intellectual, or other mental disability..... The work or tasks performed by a service animal must be directly related to the handler’s disability.”

### **Two Questions Any Business Can Ask:**

- 1) Is the dog required because of a disability?
- 2) What work or task has s/he been trained to do?

*Businesses cannot require proof of certification or medical documentation as a condition for entry.*

### **Businesses May Exclude Service Animals Only If:**

- 1) The dog is out of control and the handler cannot or does not regain control
- 2) The dog is not housebroken.

## **Ohio Laws and Rules**

### **Ohio Revised Code 955.43 Dogs with blind, deaf or mobility impaired person.**

(A) When either a blind, deaf or hearing impaired, or mobility impaired person or a trainer of an assistance dog is accompanied by an assistance dog, the person or the trainer, as applicable, is entitled to the full and equal accommodations, advantages, facilities, and privileges of all public conveyances.....

(B) No person shall deprive a blind, deaf or hearing impaired, or mobility impaired person or a trainer of an assistance dog who is accompanied by an assistance dog of any of the advantages, facilities, or privileges provided in division (A) of this section, nor charge the person or trainer a fee or charge.