



Colleyville and Keller Municipal Court Policy on Assistance or Emotional Service Animals

An individual who uses a qualified Service Animal has the right under the American Disabilities Act to bring that Service Animal to all court proceedings he/she attends.

This, however, is limited to Service Animals and *not* Assistance or Emotional Service Animals.

The Court will allow Assistance or Emotional Service Animals to attend an individual's **TRIAL ONLY**. Any other proceedings, such as a plea and/or show cause docket, an Assistance or Emotional Service Animal shall not attend.

Assistance or Emotional Service Animal for Trial

If an individual set for trial and intends to bring in an Assistance or Emotional Service Animal, he/she must provide the following no less than 5 days prior to trial:

- 1) Type of animal, breed, name, and age;
- 2) Documentation of animal's current vaccination record; and
- 3) Documentation of animal's city registration (if applicable).

Failure to provide documentation 5 days prior to trial will result in disallowance of the animal's presence. If individual appears with unapproved animal, the individual will be sent home and trial will not be rescheduled.

Individuals who are approved for the use of an Assistance or Emotional Service Animal on his/her trial date must keep the animal on a leash and under control at all times. Any damages caused by said animal is the responsibility of the owner. The Court reserves the right to have an animal removed that is disruptive, causing damage, or cannot be adequately managed in the courtroom.

For more information on the use of Service Animals see:
https://www.ada.gov/regs2010/service_animal_qa.html