## **Assistance Animal Policy**

## **Instructions**

Revise this template to reflect your organization's policies. The Assistance Animal Policy should contain, at a minimum, the following information:

- The definition of the term Assistance Animal as defined by Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973
- Equal recognition given to service animals and Assistance Animals that are not trained, including emotional support animals;
- No weight and/or breed restrictions;
- No deposit, nor any fee shall be charged in connection with an Assistance Animal; and
- No requirement to submit vaccination or licensing information to the property management agent.

## **Policy Template**

An assistance animal is an animal that works, provides assistance, or performs tasks for the benefit of a person with a disability, or that provides emotional support that alleviates one or more identified effects of a person's disability. An assistance animal is not a pet.

[Name of Housing Development] will give equal recognition to service animals and assistance animals that are not trained, including emotional support animals, and has no weight and/or breed restrictions for service animals and assistance animals.

No deposit, nor any fee shall be charged in connection with an assistance animal. [Name of Housing Development] will not require vaccination or licensing information be provided to the property management agent.

