

Service Dogs

Many of you know that The Warehouse Club is a pet loving establishment! Some have even met my dog Rasty. He has been in the office on occasion while I am working but never in meetings; Rasty is not a service dog, he's my pet.

For the safety of all who attend the Warehouse Club and to protect those for whom a service dog provides a legitimate service, the following information has been provided.

According to the Pinellas County Department of Justice and the American's with Disabilities Act, a service dog is any dog that is individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability, including a physical, sensory, psychiatric, intellectual, or other mental disability. Other species of animals, whether wild or domestic, trained or untrained, are not service animals for the purposes of this definition. The work or tasks performed by a service animal must be directly related to the handler's disability.

- **Dogs must be current on vaccinations and county licensing; Dogs must be leashed and harnessed**
- **Emotional support, therapy, comfort, or companion dogs are not considered service dogs**
- **Dogs must be trained and not in training**
- **Owner must be in full control of the animal at all times through voice, signal or other effective means**
- **Service dogs are not required to be registered as such nor do they need to be in service vests. The vest merely helps people to identify that the dog is not a pet**

I have embedded some links below for you to check out if you would like to read more. Thank you for your cooperation.

[Pinellas County Service Dogs](#)
[ADA FAQ's on Service Animals](#)

[Fake service dog registration; a crime in Florida](#)