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Training Programs Approve New DOT Rules for Flying With Service Dogs

Main changes

- ESAs no longer classified as Service Animals – passengers can no longer fly with ESAs
- Psychiatric Service Dogs ARE now classified as Service Animals – can accompany passengers on flights

Biggest reason why ADI NA / your training program applauds this

- Travel now much safer for passengers with disabilities flying with service dogs
 - ADI NA survey reported that 25% of the graduates surveyed reported attacks on their service dogs by out of control dogs
 - When travel is not safe, travel is not accessible, therefore, there is discrimination against disabled passengers traveling with service dogs.
 - The new rules make air travel safer and therefore more accessible for passengers with disabilities traveling with service dogs.

Why Service Dog training matters

- ADI accredited organizations train their dogs in both
 - Tasks to mitigate their partner's disability *AND*
 - To behave well in public
- Untrained dogs such as ESAs and fraudulent Service Dogs are a threat not only to legitimate service dogs, but also to the general public and airline staff. Because they are not trained, they are very stressed in the airport and airplane environments, which leads to aggression as well as other inappropriate behavior like toileting, barking and being out of control.

- *Add your own contact information for your local media.*

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