



You are soliciting the psychological services of Tampa Counseling and Wellness for the purposes of qualifying your animal as an Emotional Support Animal (ESA). As a patient, you have been provided with a Service Animal and Emotional Support Animal Booklet. This Booklet outlines your rights and responsibilities as the owner of an ESA per the Americans with Disabilities Act. Your signature below indicates that you have thoroughly reviewed this Booklet and understand its content. You understand that an ESA is not a Service Animal as outlined under Title II and III of the American with Disabilities Act. While ESAs do not require special training, they are necessary to provide emotional and psychological support through companionship.

You also understand that while you are being provided with a clinical diagnosis of your condition, your ESA may not provide the necessary psychological or emotional support that you need to thoroughly resolve or manage your condition. It is always the recommendation of Tampa Counseling and Wellness that you receive psychological services/counseling from a licensed mental health professional as a secondary means of support. A relationship with an ESA should not be a substitute for professional mental health care or human relationships.

Tampa Counseling and Wellness is strictly providing you with a clinical evaluation and assessment of your emotional and psychological condition. By signing this document, you are acknowledging that Tampa Counseling and Wellness has not evaluated you pet or animal and therefore does not hold any responsibility for the behavior or actions of your ESA. This includes *potential* physical or emotional risk or damage to you and/or others, or *actual* physical or emotional injury or damage to you and/or others from an inadequately trained animal. This also includes risk to the animal from undue stress from consistent work during accompaniment, including stressful environments.

Possession of an ESA letter provides you with the right to live with your ESA in a rental property or housing community that does not allow pets or with extra fees or charges. You possess these rights under the Fair Housing Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act. However, some properties may have specific policies regarding this issue and reserve the right not to comply, or reject your ESA letter altogether. It is always recommended that you check with property owners for these details. Possession of an ESA letter no longer provide you with the right to fly or travel with your animal due to changes made to the Air Carrier Access Act by the U.S. Department of Justice on January, 11, 2021. Airlines now only allow official Service Animals and Psychiatric Service Dogs on board flights. Please check with the airline before you travel for details on how your emotional support animal will be handled and any associated fees that will be charged.

Understand that you have legal rights in the event that your ESA letter is not accepted or rejected by any entity. Please refer to your Service Animal and Emotional Support Animal Booklet as it outlines your rights in detail and provides you with resources to protect you in the event this occurs. If you decide to take legal actions against another entity, you understand that Tampa Counseling and Wellness will not get involved in any legal proceedings other than to provide statements about your psychological condition.

SIGNING THIS DOCUMENT IMPLIES THAT YOU HAVE READ THE INFORMATION ABOVE AND AGREE TO ITS TERMS.

Client Signature

Date

Printed Name