The Americans with Disabilities Act, ADA, states that service animals are only dogs or miniature horses trained to work or perform tasks for people with disabilities.

According to the ADA, therapy animals whose function is to provide emotional support or comfort do not qualify as service animals and are not allowed inside food establishments.

House Bill 2822, effective January 2019, deems misrepresenting a pet as a service animal in the state of Washington as a civil infraction that carries a fine of up to $500.