

Sample Letter from a Service Provider:

[Date]

Name of Professional (therapist, physician, psychiatrist, rehabilitation counselor)
XXX Road
City, State Zip

Dear [University Accessibility Center]:

[Full Name of Tenant] is my patient, and has been under my care since [date]. I am familiar with his/her history and with the functional limitations imposed by his/her disability. He/She meets the definition of disability under the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Fair Housing Act, and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 because he/she has been diagnosed as suffering from the _____ which substantially limits the following major life activities:

Due to the _____ disorder, [first name] has certain limitations regarding [social interaction/coping with stress/anxiety, etc.]. In order to help alleviate these difficulties, and to enhance his/her ability to live independently and to fully use and enjoy the University owned and administered housing unit, I am prescribing an animal that will assist [first name] in coping with his/her disability. It is anticipated that the animal will assist _____ in the following manner:

I am familiar with the professional literature concerning the assistive and/or therapeutic benefits of assistance animals for people with disabilities such as that experienced by [first name]. Upon request, I will share citations to relevant studies, and would be happy to answer other questions you may have concerning my recommendation that [Full Name of Tenant] have a therapy animal. Should you have additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Name of Professional