

Chapter 9 Part 2b

**Shelton Housing Authority
Sample Letter for Assistance Animal**

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DATE

NAME OF PROFESSIONAL (therapist, physician, psychiatrist, rehabilitation counselor)

ADDRESS

Dear [HOUSING AUTHORITY/LANDLORD]:

[NAME OF TENANT] is my patient and has been under my care since [DATE]. I am intimately familiar with their history and the functional limitations imposed by their disability. He/She/They meet the definition of disability under the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Fair Housing Act, and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

Due to mental illness, [FIRST NAME] has certain limitations regarding [SOCIAL INTERACTION/COPING WITH STRESS/ANXIETY, ETC]. To help alleviate these difficulties and to enhance his/her ability to live independently and to fully use and enjoy the dwelling unit you own and/or administer, I am prescribing an emotional support animal that will assist [FIRST NAME] in coping with his/her disability.

I am familiar with the voluminous professional literature concerning the 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. I would be happy to answer other questions you may have concerning my recommendation that [FULL NAME OF TENANT] have an emotional support animal. Should you have additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,
Signature

[NAME OF PROFESSIONAL]

[CONTACT INFORMATION OF PROFESSIONAL]