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Only when the individual's disability is not obvious, staff may ask the following two questions to determine whether an animal is a service animal:

- Is the animal a service animal required because of a disability?
- What task or service is the animal trained to perform?

The law requires staff to take the individual at their word. Service dogs are not required to wear a vest.