

39-1111. Procedure for verification of person's right to be accompanied by assistance dog or professional therapy dog. (a) If a question arises as to whether an assistance dog qualifies under this act to accompany a person with a disability in or upon any place set forth in K.S.A. 39-1101, and amendments thereto, the person with a disability may produce for the employee or person responsible for such place an identification card or letter conforming to the requirements of this subsection. Upon production of such identification card or letter, the assistance dog shall be allowed to accompany the person with a disability in or upon such place.

(1) If the assistance dog has been trained by a training facility, school or trainer, the identification card or letter shall be provided by the training facility, school or trainer that trained the dog and shall contain the following information: (A) The legal name of the dog's user; (B) the name, address and telephone number of the facility, school or trainer who trained the dog; (C) whether the dog is designated as a guide, hearing assistance or service dog; and (D) a picture or digital photographic likeness of the dog user and the dog. If a card is used, the picture or digital photographic likeness shall be on the card. If a letter is used, the picture or digital photographic likeness shall either be printed as a part of the letter or be affixed to the letter.

(2) If the assistance dog has been trained by the person using the dog, the identification card or letter shall contain the following information: (A) The legal name of the dog's user; (B) the dog user's address; (C) a statement that the dog has been trained to mitigate the dog user's disability; and (D) a picture or digital photographic likeness of the dog user and the dog. If a card is used, the picture or digital photographic likeness shall be on the card. If a letter is used, the picture or digital photographic likeness shall either be printed as a part of the letter or be affixed to the letter.

(b) If a question arises as to whether a dog handler is qualified, or whether the dog accompanying the handler is qualified as a professional therapy dog, to enter in or upon the places set forth in K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 39-1110, and amendments thereto, an employee or person responsible for such places may request, and the qualified handler shall produce, an identification card or letter, provided by the training facility, school or trainer who trained the dog. Such card or letter shall contain the following information: (1) The legal name of the qualified dog handler; (2) the name, address and telephone number of the facility, school or trainer who trained the dog; (3) information documenting that the dog is trained to provide therapeutic supports; and (4) a picture or digital photographic likeness of the qualified handler and the dog. If a card is used, the picture or digital photographic likeness shall be on the card. If a letter is used, the picture or digital photographic likeness shall either be printed as a part of the letter or be affixed to the letter.

(c) If a question arises as to whether an individual accompanied by a dog is a professional trainer, from a recognized training center, of an assistance dog, in order to enter in or upon a place set forth in K.S.A. 39-1101, and amendments thereto, an employee or person responsible for such place may request, and the trainer shall produce, an identification card provided by the recognized training center containing the following information: (1) The legal name of the trainer; (2) the name of the training center; (3) the address and telephone number of the training center; (4) the types of functions for which dogs are trained by the center; and (5) a picture or digital photographic likeness of the trainer.

(d) An identification card or letter produced for inspection pursuant to this section shall be promptly returned to the person with a disability, the qualified handler or the professional trainer after inspection.

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