

# Housing Reasonable Accommodation Request Template (PDF)



## Formally Request Permission for Your Assistance Animal

Navigating "No-Pet" policies in rental housing can be stressful and confusing. The **Housing Reasonable Accommodation Request Template** is a professionally drafted document designed to help you assert your rights under the **Fair Housing Act (FHA)** and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act.

This is not just a polite letter—it is a formal legal notification to your landlord or property manager. It clearly explains that your request to keep a Service Dog or Emotional Support

Animal (ESA) is a request for "reasonable accommodation" for a disability, not a request to keep a pet.

### **Why You Need This Document:**

- **Legal Precision:** The template uses the correct legal terminology required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). It distinguishes your Assistance Animal from a standard pet, ensuring exemptions from breed restrictions, pet deposits, and monthly pet fees.
- **Professional Tone:** Submitting a handwritten note or an email can sometimes be ignored. Submitting a formal PDF request commands attention and shows that you are knowledgeable about your federal rights.
- **Clear & Concise:** It removes the guesswork of what to write. The template clearly outlines your request, references the specific laws protecting you, and instructs the landlord on their legal obligation to respond.