

Sample Doctor's Letter

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Date

Dear Sir or Madam:

John Doe has been under my clinical care for the past five years for a disabling illness. His disability produces symptoms of deep depression and anxiety. Mr. Doe's main social and emotional support comes from his cat, Fluffy. Mr. Doe has had Fluffy for four years and is extremely attached to her.

It is my professional opinion that the ability to live with his cat is crucial to Mr. Doe's health. His cat is a necessary part of the treatment for Mr. Doe's disability. Fluffy provides Mr. Doe service and assistance directly related to his disability.

If you have any questions, feel free to call me at (415) 999-9999.

Sincerely,

Henry Smith

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5 Important Things to Remember:

1. Mr. Doe has a disability or disabling illness.
2. The animal is an essential part of Mr. Doe's treatment.
3. Use the term "assistance animal" to differentiate it from a pet.
4. Be specific -- how does the animal help with the disability.
5. Must be on doctor's letterhead and have doctor's signature.