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Emotional Support Animals for Leslie Dunaway DOB 02/06/1976

To Whom It May Concern,

Leslie Dunaway's mental health has been evaluated and reviewed. I am familiar with the patient's symptomology, history and limitations imposed by their disability.

Leslie Dunaway has been diagnosed with Generalized Anxiety Disorder and depression. This diagnosis substantially limits one or more of my patient's major life activities. This diagnosis meets the definition of disability under the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Fair Housing Act, and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 §504.

In order to help reduce impairment and alleviate difficulties as a result of Leslie Dunaway's diagnosis, I am recommending emotional support animals to accompany them. Reasonable accommodations should be given to Leslie Dunaway and they should be allowed to live with their emotional support animals. Leslie Dunaway has one dog and one cat. Her dog helps with severe depression due to a debilitating heart condition. She is motivated to take care of her dog daily and this gives her a sense of routine and responsibility. Her cat can sense when her defibrillator will go off and sit on her chest to ease her anxiety.

This letter meets the legal requirements under the (Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968)), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Pub. L. No. 93-112, 87 Stat. 394 (Sept. 26, 1973), codified at 29 U.S.C. 5701 et seq.), the Americans with Disabilities Act (Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Pub. L. No. 101-336, 104 Stat. 328 (1990). and The Department of Transportation (DOT) 14 CFR Part 382 "final order" (12/02/2020)

Any assessment of the appropriateness of the emotional support animal's behavior is beyond the scope of the practice of the evaluator. This assessment and accommodations are valid for one year from the date of issuance. The pet owner assumes all responsibility for the training, safety, cleanliness, health and conduct of their animals at all times.

Lucky, Dog, Dalmatian Mix, 51 lbs.

TitTatBrat, Cat, Short Haired Domestic, 7 lbs.

Sincerely,



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