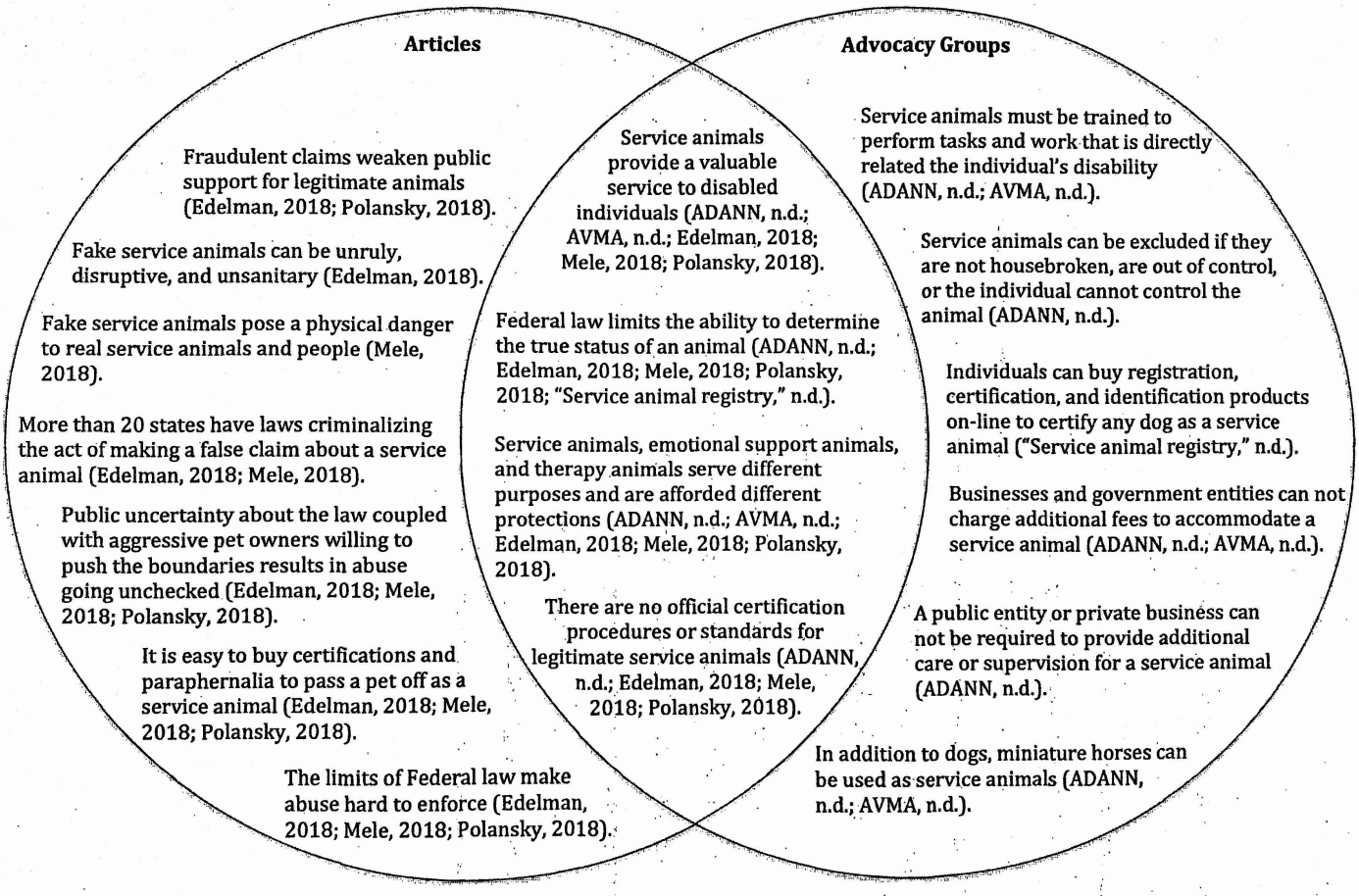
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Fraudulent claims weaken public support for legitimate animals (Edelman, 2018; Polansky, 2018).
Fake service animals can be unruly, disruptive, and unsanitary (Edelman, 2018).
Fake service animals pose a physical danger to real service animals and people (Mele, 2018).
More than 20 states have laws criminalizing the act of making a false claim about a service animal (Edelman, 2018; Mele, 2018).
Public uncertainty about the law coupled with aggressive pet owners willing to push the boundaries results in abuse going unchecked (Edelman, 2018; Mele, 2018; Polansky, 2018).
It is easy to buy certifications and paraphernalia to pass a pet off as a service animal (Edelman, 2018; Mele, 2018; Polansky, 2018).
The limits of Federal law make abuse hard to enforce (Edelman, 2018; Mele, 2018; Polansky, 2018).
Service animals provide a valuable service to disabled individuals (ADANN, n.d.; AVMA, n.d.; Edelman, 2018; Mele, 2018; Polansky, 2018).
Federal law limits the ability to determine the true status of an animal (ADANN, n.d.; Edelman, 2018; Mele, 2018; Polansky, 2018; "Service animal registry," n.d.).
Service animals, emotional support animals, and therapy animals serve different purposes and are afforded different protections (ADANN, n.d.; AVMA, n.d.; Edelman, 2018; Mele, 2018; Polansky, 2018).
There are no official certification procedures or standards for legitimate service animals (ADANN, n.d.; Edelman, 2018; Mele, 2018; Polansky, 2018).
Service animals must be trained to perform tasks and work that is directly related the individual's disability (ADANN, n.d.; AVMA, n.d.).
Service animals can be excluded if they are not housebroken, are out of control, or the individual cannot control the animal (ADANN, n.d.).
Individuals can buy registration, certification, and identification products on-line to certify any dog as a service animal ("Service animal registry," n.d.).
Businesses and government entities can not charge additional fees to accommodate a service animal (ADANN, n.d.; AVMA, n.d.).
A public entity or private business can not be required to provide additional care or supervision for a service animal (ADANN, n.d.).
In addition to dogs, miniature horses can be used as service animals (ADANN, n.d.; AVMA, n.d.).