

Service Dog



TRAINING



WHO I AM

ADA defines service animals as dogs that are individually trained to perform work or tasks for people with disabilities. It is important to note that service animals are not pets, but rather working animals. Work or tasks a dog performs for a person with a disability must be directly related to that person's disability. Dogs that only provide comfort or emotional support do not qualify as service animals under the ADA."

Please fill out this form if you have a disability that meets the ADA's criteria and require the assistance of a task-trained service dog.

Your Name

Phone number

Address

Email

ADA SERVICE CRITERIA

Which disabilities can the Service Dog assist?

The Americans with Disabilities Act defines disability as a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits the major life activities of a person, or as a person perceived to have such an impairment.

Tasks you believe a dog can perform to assist with disability.

Is there anything you have difficulty doing or aren't able to do for yourself? How could a service dog

improve your quality of life? List anything you think they could help with.

How does the disability affect your life and current level of independence?

TRAINING COMMITMENT

Is your intention to owner-train the dog with a trainer's assistance or to have the dog live and train with the trainer?

SDs are not pets and will be trained and treated differently. Commitment and prioritizing your dog's wellbeing and training are essential.

Please include as much information about your desired dog as you can:

Do you understand that it can take 6 months to 2 years to have a fully trained, public access ready SD?

GETTING STARTED

Do you already own the dog?

Is it clear to you how much it costs to train a SD?

When would you like to start?

Training a service dog is a process that requires patience, dedication, and consistency. Service dogs are trained to assist individuals with disabilities in various tasks such as mobility assistance, guiding

individuals with visual impairments, detecting and responding to medical emergencies, and providing emotional support to individuals with mental health conditions.

The first step in training a service dog is to select the right dog for the job. It is important to choose a dog that has the right temperament, personality, and physical characteristics to perform the tasks required. Once the dog has been selected, the training process begins with basic obedience training. This includes teaching the dog how to sit, stay, come, and walk on a leash.

After the basic obedience training is complete, the dog is trained in the specific tasks required to assist the individual with a disability. This can include tasks such as retrieving items, opening doors, turning lights on and off, and providing stability when walking. The training process is tailored to the specific needs of the individual and may take several months to complete.

It is important to remember that training a service dog is a team effort between the dog and the handler. The handler must be committed to working with the dog on a daily basis and providing positive reinforcement for good behavior. The dog must also be well-socialized and comfortable in a variety of environments and situations. With proper training and care, a service dog can provide invaluable assistance to individuals with disabilities, improving their quality of life and increasing their independence.

Our trainer will review your provided information and respond within 48 hours.