

How to Apply

To Apply for a Service Dog, Visit:

www.pawsforlifek9.org and print out an application. Then submit the application to Paws For Life K9 Rescue via email.

Select applicants will be chosen by trained personnel who will match individuals with the Service Dog best suited for their lifestyle, personality and needs.

Applicants chosen as service dog recipients must attend a 5-day intensive training camp to learn how to navigate their new dog. The training programs are located inside a correctional facility with incarcerated trainers. These highly skilled trainers will work closely with applicants to ensure a successful match. Public access will also be taught by our trained staff.

There is never a fee associated with adopting one of our PTSD Service Dogs as our organization strongly supports active, reserve, and retired U.S. Military who were honorably discharged. Veteran's may be required to pay travel and lodging accommodations during the training camp. However, the normal costs associated with purchasing a Service Dog have been generously covered through grants, sponsors and donors.



PTSD SERVICE DOG PROGRAM

It's the Law

Under the law psychiatric service dogs are protected the same as guide dogs and other types of service dogs. According to the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA), a service animal is defined as a dog that has been individually trained to do work or perform tasks for an individual with a disability. The task(s) the dog performs must be directly related to the person's disability. Service dogs are allowed by law to accompany their handler anywhere, from restaurants and amusement parks to doctor's offices and shopping centers.

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ABOUT US

Paws For Life K9 Rescue pulls its dogs from city and county shelters. Often, we choose dogs in need of socialization and training which we place with our incarcerated trainers throughout California State Prisons.

We do this because our program is creating a wholesome training environment that dedicates significant time toward rehabilitation, ensuring the best possible outcomes. After several months of training, our dogs are ready for family life after completing their AKC Canine Good Citizen (CGC) certification. Some are trained to become service animals for military veterans with PTSD.

By lowering euthanasia rates and preparing dogs for service-jobs, PFL is proving that everyone deserves a second chance.

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WHAT ARE SERVICE DOGS

Service dogs are trained to help people who have disabilities other than visual impairment. They may provide balance, retrieve dropped items, open doors, toggle light switches, provide assistance in getting in and out of a chair, or respond to seizures. PTSD service dogs are trained to perform tasks, as well as provide a calming effect and sense of security for those with post-traumatic stress disorder.

Service Dog Requirements

Per the ADA, anyone with a diagnosed disability that affects their quality of life in one or more major ways can partner with a service dog, as long as the service dog has individualized training to mitigate the person's disability. That means a pet dog without proper training is not a service dog. Additionally, people who can best have their needs met via other accommodations are not eligible for a service dog.

There are two primary requirements for a veteran to have a service dog:

1. The veteran must have a diagnosed disability. The disability must be documented in a letter by a Medical Doctor, or Psychiatrist.



2. The veteran must receive or train a dog that possesses the proper temperament and aptitude for service dog work to alleviate the effects of that disability.

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The Paws For Life K9 Rescue PTSD Service Dog Program utilized rescue dogs from high intake and high kill shelters and trains them into incredible working dogs. Our specialized curriculum focuses heavily on task-oriented details such as recognizing signs of stress or anxiety, retrieving medications, interrupting night terrors and flashbacks, providing Deep Pressure Therapy and much more. In addition to these tasks, the dogs are obedience trained

to ensure their behavior strongly represents the professional service dog training industry.



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I am a Service Animal and my right to accompany my handler is protected by Federal Law

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990

Businesses May ask:

- 1) Is this a Service Dog?
- 2) What tasks does the Service Animal perform?

Businesses May Not:

- 1) Require special identification for the animal.
- 2) Ask about the person's disability.
- 3) Charge additional fees because of the animal.
- 4) Refuse admittance, isolate, segregate, or treat this person less favorably than other patrons.

A person with a disability cannot be asked to remove his service animal from the premises unless:

- 1) the animal is out of control and the animal's owner does not take effective action to control it.
- 2) the animal poses a direct threat to the health or safety of others.

Any business that sells or prepares food must allow service animals in public areas even if state or local health codes prohibit animals on the premises.

Refusal to provide equal access to people with disabilities with service animals is a federal civil rights violation, provided by the American Disability Act of 1990. Violators of the ADA can be required to pay money damages and penalties.

Questions? Call the ADA
1-800-514-0301
An agency of the US Department
of Justice Civil Rights Division