Psychiatric Service Dog Partners
Public Access Test

Dog’s name: _________________________ Handler’s name: _________________________
Tester’s name: _______________________ Date of test: _________________________

Purpose
The purpose of this test is to provide a general standard of evaluation regarding the behavior of owner
trained service dogs that assist with disabilities. Permission is granted to individuals who wish to use this
form for the purposes of Service Dog training and/or testing. PSDP is released from any liability associated
with the use of this voluntary Public Access Test for Service Dogs.

Scoring
The test items are in a yes or no format. The dog must get all items of the test correct in order to pass.
Test items not available in the tester’s general area (e.g. elevators) may be eliminated at the discretion of
the tester.

Inappropriate Service Dog Conduct
• growling
• nipping, biting
• raising hackles (hair stands up on dog’s back, either over the shoulders or full length of the back)
• showing or baring teeth
• lunging at other people or dogs
• being out of handler’s control
• inappropriate elimination in public facilities (urinating or defecating)

If your dog does any of these behaviors, it is an automatic fail.
____ Dog did not display any inappropriate behaviors.

1. Working Position
____ Dog is comfortable and confident in their working position. Each team’s working position will be
different to meet the unique requirements of the disabled handler. Small dogs that normally work from
the handler’s arms, lap, or a type of carrying device should also be able to perform the same
behaviors and tasks and meet each challenge from the ground like the larger breeds.

2. Vehicles and Public Transportation
____ Dog enters and exits any form of transportation in a safe manner.
____ Dog is able to ride in any form of transportation in a controlled manner.

3. Parking Lot Behavior
____ Dog transits parking lot safely.
4. Controlled Entry Into a Building
   ____Dog enters building in a controlled manner.

5. Navigating a Store
   ____Dog does not bump into shelves or interact with merchandise.
   ____Dog does not interact with other people unless instructed to do so.
   ____Dog does not sniff food items in store.
   ____Dog maintains a working position while the handler uses a shopping cart.

6. Working with Distractions
   ____Dog is able to work despite distractions encountered in normal working environment.

7. Obedience Training
   ____Dog holds a sit, down, or stand stay on command for 30 seconds.
   ____Dog comes on command from a distance of 6 ft or greater.
   ____Dog walks past and leaves a food item on the ground.
   ____Dog is able to greet a friendly stranger when instructed by the handler.
   ____Dog does not exhibit any inappropriate behavior when touched by the general public.
   ____Dog focuses on the handler on command.

8. Restaurant
   ____Dog does not beg or attempt to eat or sniff any food on the floor or on tables.*
   ____Dog is positioned to cause the least obstruction to the flow of business.
   ____Dog is not placed on a table, and is not on a chair or bench at any time unless they are mitigating a disability for their handler.
   ____Handler does not feed their dog food from the table.
   *Exception
   If the dog has been trained specifically to sniff food for a health-threatening condition of its handler, then the dog can work at identifying the allergen by sniffing the food.

9. Elevator
   ____Dog should be able to load into an elevator and travel both up and down with the dog remaining confident and unruffled in a sit, down, or standing position.

10. Stairs
    ____If the handler uses stairs, the dog should maintain a working position. The dog should not cause the handler or others to fall or stumble. Teams that do not navigate stairways should be able to navigate wheelchair access ramps in the same manner.

11. Working Around Other Dogs
    ____Dog should be able to maintain a working mode while in the presence of other dogs.

12. Use of Public Restrooms
    ____Dog does not cause a disturbance in the restroom.

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