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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.