



Canine Partners transforms the lives of people with disabilities by partnering them with highly trained assistance dogs, thus enabling them to live independently and enjoy an enhanced lifestyle.

- ▶ Canine Partners develops dogs through the Puppy Education System© and advanced skills training to work in partnership with people for a wide range of disabilities
- ▶ Canine Partners can respond to over 100 commands, including assisting with shopping, dressing, lift & cash-machine operations, washing machines and a range of emergency response procedures
- ▶ Placed dogs can adapt to each person's needs, problem-solve and assist in emergencies



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The Guide Dogs for the Blind Association's mission is to provide guide dogs, mobility and other rehabilitation services that meet the needs of blind and partially sighted people.

- ▶ A guide dog helps a blind or partially sighted person gain greater freedom and independence
- ▶ The charity relies almost entirely on public generosity to fund its guide dog services
- ▶ It costs £10 a day to breed, train and support each guide dog
- ▶ There are currently around 4700 guide dog partnerships in the UK
- ▶ The working life of a guide dog is about six years, and a guide dog owner could have six or seven dogs during their lifetime



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The Disability Discrimination Act (1995)

Under the Disability Discrimination Act (1995) (DDA) it is unlawful for a person with disabilities to be discriminated against, or treated less favourably, because of their disability.

The areas the law covers are:

- ▶ **Employment**
- ▶ **Goods, services and facilities**
- ▶ **Premises**

The Act requires all employers covered by the DDA to make reasonable adjustments for individuals with disabilities. The Act also requires that people providing goods, services or facilities, and owners and managers or premises, comply with reasonable adjustments.

Working dogs registered with Assistance Dogs (UK) are recognised by both the Institute of Environmental Health Officers and the Royal Environmental Health Institute of Scotland and are covered by a code of practice to ensure service and access in supermarkets, restaurants and other public places.

For a copy of the DDA codes of practice and guidelines regarding "reasonable adjustments", please contact:

The Disability Rights Commission
DRC Helpline
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Stratford upon Avon
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CV37 9BR
T: 08457 622633
F: 08457 778878
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Web: www.drc-gb.org

Assistance Dogs (UK)
 is the umbrella organisation working on behalf of its members to improve:

- ▶ **access**
- ▶ **mobility**
- ▶ **independence**
- ▶ **quality of life**

The five registered charities that form Assistance Dogs (UK) are:



- ▶ Canine Partners
- ▶ Dogs for the Disabled
- ▶ Hearing Dogs for Deaf People
- ▶ Support Dogs
- ▶ The Guide Dogs for the Blind Association

Each member seeks to achieve greater independence through working partnerships between disabled people and professionally trained assistance dogs.

Assistance Dogs (UK) aims to improve access for people who depend on these dogs in public places such as supermarkets, restaurants and public transport which might not otherwise be accessible to them. AD(UK)'s efforts are supported by the Disability Discrimination Act (1995).

Registered Assistance Dogs Only

A logo for Assistance Dogs (UK) has been developed for easy recognition of these trained dogs. The logo is available as a window sticker, which can be displayed in shops and other facilities which welcome assistance dogs.

To receive your free AD(UK) stickers, contact:

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Support Dogs trains dogs to help people with uncontrolled epilepsy, physical disabilities and other medical conditions to lead fuller and more independent lives.

- ▶ Seizure Alert Dogs® give their owners up to 45 minutes advance warning of the onset of a seizure, enabling them to find a place of safety
- ▶ Seizure Alert Dogs® are carefully selected from rescue kennels and placed with a volunteer socialiser for up to six months before formal training begins
- ▶ Medical Assistance Dogs are trained to provide support and assistance to people with other medical conditions, such as hypoglycaemia or Menieres disease, and other hidden disabilities
- ▶ Disability Assistance Dogs are clients' own dogs which are taught tasks specific to their owners' needs



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 Registered Charity No: 1088281



Dogs for the Disabled provides individually trained dogs to carry out retrieval work, pulling work, targeting and stability work in partnership with disabled people. All partnerships are given full support and guidance during their working lives together.

- ▶ Dogs help with practical tasks that many people take for granted but which can be difficult or impossible for a disabled person to do
- ▶ Tasks that a dog can be trained to do include opening and closing doors, pressing a pedestrian crossing button, retrieving dropped or out of reach items, helping a person undress, even taking the laundry out of the washing machine
- ▶ Research shows that our dogs not only provide practical help but also increase confidence, become ice-breakers and give the gift of independence to their disabled partners



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 Registered Charity No. 1092960



Hearing Dogs for Deaf People trains dogs to alert severely and profoundly deaf people to chosen everyday sounds such as the alarm clock, telephone/textphone, doorbell and smoke alarm.

- ▶ Hearing dogs alert their recipients by touching with a paw and leading to the source of the sound. In addition to increased awareness of sounds, recipients also experience increased independence as well as reduced anxiety and depression
- ▶ Hearing dogs are selected primarily from rescue centres or as unwanted pets; a variety of breeds, crossbreeds and mongrels are used
- ▶ A hearing dog's special burgundy jacket helps others to recognise the owner's otherwise invisible disability
- ▶ Relying solely on public donations, the Charity is committed to the lifelong welfare of its hearing dogs, which are given free to applicants



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