



Canines for Disabled Kids

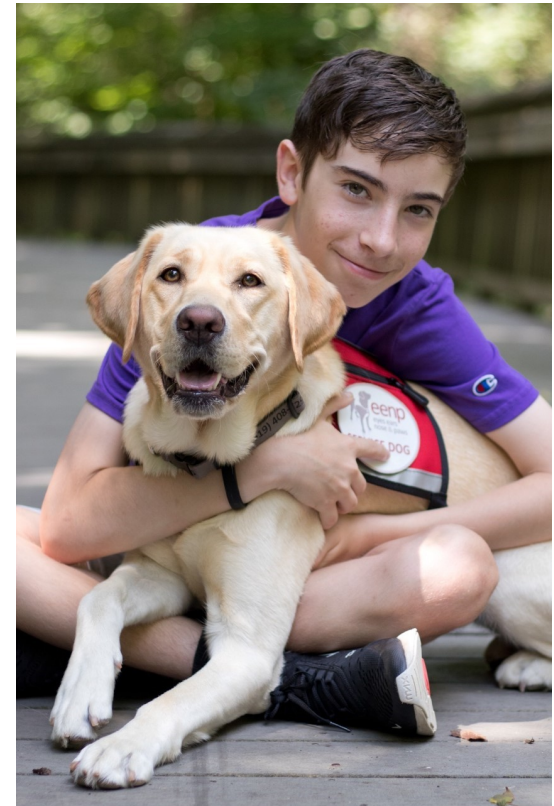
Activity Booklet

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Increasing independence for children with disabilities and their families by promoting service dog partnerships, understanding and awareness throughout the community.

A service dog can do wonders for people of all ages with a disability. The dogs are trained to perform work and tasks to help people with a disability.

Service dogs help people at home and in public. They can go to all public places, but they must have good behavior. They have to be able to focus and help their partners when needed. Service dogs are not used as guard dogs. Some service dogs wear gear, but they don't have to.

The service dog is there to help their partner do tasks they can not perform. Some examples would be opening doors, getting pills, alerting a parent and much more. Sometimes people with disabilities can't be completely independent, but with a service dog they can be more so.

Service dogs can be male or female. They can be pure breeds or mixed breeds. Each service dog is trained specifically for an individual.

The goal of this booklet is to help inform. But also to help people with disabilities get the independence they deserve.



Austin & Service Dog Paris;

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Notes:

Canines for Disabled Kids assists adults and children to find the perfect service dog; provides educational programs in communities across the United States and Canada; assist individuals with ADA access concerns; and provides scholarships to help children with training costs.

Service dogs partner with people with disabilities to enhance independence and access to the world.

Under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), many service dogs now join their partners at school, at the office, out to dinner and more.



Kate & Service Dog Krypton

What is a Service Animal?

- ♦ A service animal is a dog, or miniature horse, that is individually trained to do work or perform a task for a person with a disability.
- ♦ The trained work or task must be directly related to the person's disability.
- ♦ Comfort and emotional support do not qualify as service dog skills.



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Some tasks/skills

- ♦ Turn light switches on/off
 - ♦ Open doors
- ♦ Alert to specific sounds
- ♦ Alert to specific scents (diabetes, seizures, cardiac)
 - ♦ Retrieve objects
 - ♦ Guide



Fun Facts About Service Dogs

- Dogs are in training for approximately 2 years before they become service dogs.
- It costs between \$35,000 - \$55,000 to train a service dog.
- Do not touch or talk to a service dog without permission because you may prevent them from doing their job. This could get the dog in trouble and their partner could be put at risk
- There are only two questions that all service dog users must answer.
 1. Is that a service dog?
 2. What work or task has the dog been trained to perform?
- Service dogs go to the bathroom on command. They do this to fit their owners' schedules and so that owners can easily clean it up.
- The first Guide Dog was partnered in 1916 in Germany.
- In 1928 Guide Dog Buddy was partnered with American Morris Frank.
- In 2013 an anesthesiologist requested his patient's medical alert service dog attend her surgery to give them advanced warning of her anaphylaxis reactions.



Historically, service dogs were recognized for their work with people who are visually impaired and most commonly referred to as “seeing-eye” or “guide dogs.” This work is certainly priceless and ongoing, but many people don’t realize that service dogs are trained for a huge range of disabilities providing greater access for adults and children.

Some of the disabilities service dog are trained to work with include:

Hearing impairments
Physical disabilities
Psychiatric disabilities
Autism Spectrum
Blindness
Medical Alert/Response

Homemade Dog Treats!

(No bake)

Peanut Butter Oat Cookies

Things you will need:

- 1 ½ cup oats
- ½ cup peanut butter
- 1 cup mashed sweet potato
- A medium sized bowl

Steps:

- Combine ingredients in a bowl
- Mold into a ball
- Freeze for 30 minutes, then roll out
- Cut out into shapes and serve

Pumpkin Peanut Butter Cookies

Things you will need:

- 1 cup pumpkin puree
- ½ cup peanut butter
- 2 ½ cups oats
- A medium sized bowl

Steps:

- Combine ingredients in a bowl
- Stir with spoon, then switch to hands
- Mold into small balls
- Place onto a cookie sheet
- Put in fridge for 1 hour to chill

Permission to meet

If you want to know more about, or to meet, a service dog team, here are some tips.

♦ Ask

Is your dog working? May I pet him/her, please?

♦ Show respect

If given permission to pet/meet a service animal
touch it for only 3 seconds – that's 3
"Hippopotamuses"

♦ Don't ask during the school day

School is a time for students to learn. Please respect
this and do not ask questions during the school day.





Service dogs must be under the control of the handler.

Schools, like all facilities, are not responsible for service dogs.

This means if you are unable to control your service dog at school, in a hospital, doctor's office, or any public space, you must bring a handler or do not bring your service dog.

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