



SERVICE DOGS AND EMOTIONAL SUPPORT ANIMALS (ESA)

Some of the Most Common Questions Project Canine Gets Are:

- Can you help me find a service dog?
- Can you train my dog to be a service dog?
- Can you help me train my dog to be an ESA?

Project Canine is a therapy dog organization and therapy dogs are very different than service dogs and ESAs. The easiest way to explain the difference is that Service Dogs have legal rights under the Americans with Disabilities Act because they are trained to support an individual person with a disability. Therapy dogs are companion animals with no additional legal rights to access public spaces and have been temperament tested for their appropriateness to visit with people in environments like eldercare facilities, hospitals, homeless or domestic violence shelters, libraries and many more. ESAs are to provide emotional support for one person and are not considered service dogs or therapy dogs. For more information clarifying the differences please click here <http://ow.ly/XmSR308Fvip>

Resources About Service Dogs

For the specifics about whether or not an animal will qualify as a service animal please see this link to the Americans with Disabilities Act section on service animals including a phone number you can call with questions: http://www.ada.gov/service_animals_2010.htm

A great summary about Service Animals and Emotional Support Animals is published by the ADA National Network here <https://adata.org/publication/service-animals-booklet>

For more information about rights, laws and access for service animals:

- **Psychiatric Service Dog Partners** - <https://www.psychdogpartners.org/>
- **NOLO – Washington State Laws on Service Dogs and Emotional Support Animals:** <https://www.nolo.com/legal-encyclopedia/washington-laws-on-service-dogs-and-emotional-support-animals.html>
- **US Department of Justice ADA requirements for service animals:** https://www.ada.gov/service_animals_2010.htm
- **The Northwest ADA Center:** nwadacenter.org/toolkit/service-animals
- **Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs:** <https://www.dva.wa.gov/veterans-their-families/counseling-and-wellness/service-and-companion-animals>
- **Washington State Human Rights Commission:** <https://www.hum.wa.gov/sites/default/files/public/publications/Service%20Animals%20and%20the%20Washington%20Law%20Against%20Discrimination-032019.pdf>

Finding and/or Training Service Dogs

The following are service dog organizations that we are aware of in Western Washington, Oregon and beyond. Please note that we do not have direct relationships with these organizations and by providing their contact information we are not implying any endorsement, recommendation, or specific knowledge about their programs:

WORLDWIDE

Assistance Dogs International is a worldwide non-profit coalition of organizations that trains and places service dogs and they have a lot of great information <https://www.assistedogsinternational.org/>

WASHINGTON

- **Owner-trained service dogs** – Pam Parker helps owners train their personal dogs to be service dogs. www.pamparker.biz
- **Summit Assistance Dogs** – focuses on service dogs that support mobility issues, Anacortes, WA: <http://summitdogs.org/>
- **Brigadoon Service Dogs** – provides all types of service dogs except sight support - Bellingham, WA: <http://www.brigadoondogs.org/>
- **Assistance Dogs Northwest**, Bainbridge, WA <http://assistedogsnorthwest.org/>
- **Wonder Pup Service Dogs**, Bellingham, WA Find on Facebook or Instagram @wonderpuptraining or call 520-481-0888

OREGON

- **Austism Service Dogs of America**, Tualatin, OR <http://www.autismservicedogsofamerica.org>

NATIONAL

- **Compass Key** – national with locations in Western WA, and Northwest OR focusing on owner-trained service dogs <https://www.ckdogs.com/>
- **Canine Companions for Independence**, national organization, based in California <http://www.cci.org/>
- **Palmetto Animal Assisted Life Services**, Columbia, SC <https://www.paals.org/>
- **Canine Assistants**, Milton, GA <http://www.canineassistants.org/>
- **K9s for Warriors**, Ponte Vedra, FL <http://www.k9sforwarriors.org/>
- **Patriot Paws Service Dogs**, Rockwall, TX <http://www.patriotpaws.org/>

Emotional Support Animals (ESA)

- **Information about Emotional Support Animals** <https://www.animallaw.info/article/faqs-emotional-support-animals>
- **Flying with an ESA:**
 - **Changes to rules by Department of Transportation reported on 12/8/2020**
<https://www.npr.org/2020/12/08/944128033/no-more-emotional-support-peacocks-as-feds-crack-down-on-service-animals-on-plan>
 - **As of March 1st 2021, the following airlines no longer accept ESAs**

Airlines of North America:

- Alaska Airlines
- Allegiant Air
- American Airlines
- Air Canada
- Delta Air Lines
- Frontier Airlines
- Hawaiian Airlines
- Jet Blue

- Southwest Airlines
- Spirit Airlines
- Sun Country
- United Airlines

International Airlines:

- Air China
- Air New Zealand
- All Nippon Airways
- Cathay Pacific
- China Eastern Airlines
- China Southern Airlines
- Emirates
- Eva Air
- Korean Air
- Qatar Airways
- Turkish Airlines