

Canine Companions

Lead with Independence

Who we are:

Canine Companions is a non-profit organization that enhances the lives of people with disabilities by providing expertly trained service dogs and ongoing support to ensure quality partnerships free of charge.



About us:

- Founded in 1975
- National with 6 regional training centers
- Over 7700 dogs placed

Currently

- 2,772 Active Clients
- 1,314 puppies being raised
- 609 people on the waitlist



Our Clients - Service dog teams

- Adults and children with physical disabilities and deafness
- Children with physical or cognitive disabilities aged five or older
- Adults with physical or cognitive disabilities who require the assistance of a parent, caregiver or spouse
- Veterans with physical or cognitive disabilities or post-traumatic stress disorder



Our Clients - Facility Dog Teams

Professionals working in a healthcare, visitation, or educational setting.

Dogs use trained skills designed to motivate and inspire clients with special needs.



Our Clients - Therapy Dog Teams

Owners of Canine Companions released dogs who volunteer with their dogs in specific settings for the benefit of the clients in the setting and/or as part of a therapeutic intervention.



Know the Difference

Service Dog

Trained in specific tasks to assist a person with a disability. Generally, allowed anywhere their handlers are permitted, if behaving safely and appropriately.

Facility Dog

Trained in specific tasks to assist professionals working with clients. Not allowed in public places outside of approved facility.

Therapy Dog

Certified pet dogs provide comfort to groups of people. Not allowed in public places

Emotional Support Animal

Pets that provide comfort to individuals with mental health conditions. Not allowed in public places

A Future Service Dog's Journey



More information: canine.org

Check out: Netflix - Inside the Mind of a Dog

