

CanineSidekick Service Dogs Inc.
Professional Consultation Network

This appendix establishes the role, purpose, operational considerations, and interdisciplinary consultation framework utilized by CanineSidekicks Service Dogs Inc. to support program development, canine welfare, participant support, behavioural stability, disability-mitigation planning, public safety, and responsible service dog program management.

1. Purpose and Scope

- Professional consultation relationships are intended to support informed decision-making, ethical program development, canine welfare, participant support, public safety, and operational integrity where appropriate.
- Consultation services may involve collaboration with veterinary professionals, behavioural professionals, healthcare providers, mental health professionals, rehabilitation professionals, educators, emergency services, or other qualified allied professionals where relevant to participant or program needs.
- Professional consultation does not transfer final authority or operational decision-making responsibility from CanineSidekicks Service Dogs Inc.

2. Potential Consultation and Referral Categories

- Veterinary professionals
- Veterinary specialists
- Veterinary behaviour professionals
- Emergency veterinary clinics
- Dog training professionals
- Behavioural consultants
- Mental health professionals
- Healthcare providers
- Occupational therapists
- Physiotherapists or rehabilitation providers
- Educational support personnel
- Nutrition professionals
- Emergency response professionals
- Boarding and kennel facilities
- Legal or regulatory professionals where applicable

3. Professional Consultation Relationships

- CanineSidekicks Service Dogs Inc. may collaborate with qualified professionals to support program development, disability-mitigation planning, task-development considerations, behavioural support strategies, participant accommodation considerations, welfare-focused service planning, accessibility considerations, and interdisciplinary consultation where appropriate.
- The organization may consult with registered healthcare, mental health, veterinary, behavioural, rehabilitation, or allied professionals where beneficial to support participant needs, canine welfare, public safety, and responsible program development.
- Claire Malcolm, Registered Psychologist, has agreed to provide consultation support related to psychiatric disability-mitigation considerations, program development consultation, task-development consultation, participant support considerations, accommodation-related discussion, and interdisciplinary collaboration where appropriate.
- All consultation relationships remain advisory in nature.

4. Veterinary and Medical Collaboration

- Veterinary collaboration may include preventative care, emergency treatment, medical management, health screening, rehabilitation planning, medication management, or welfare stabilization.
- Healthcare collaboration may include discussion of accommodation needs, functional limitations, participant support considerations, or service dog suitability considerations where voluntarily disclosed and appropriate.
- CanineSidekicks Service Dogs Inc. does not diagnose medical or psychological conditions and does not replace licensed medical or veterinary care.

5. Behavioural and Training Consultation

- Behavioural consultation may include training recommendations, behavioural modification planning, decompression recommendations, environmental management strategies, public-access stabilization, or welfare-focused intervention planning.
- Recommendations may be provided directly by the Training Director or through collaboration with qualified professionals where appropriate.

- Participants remain responsible for implementing recommended management or welfare procedures where applicable.

6. Emergency and Crisis Consultation

- Emergency consultation may occur where urgent welfare, behavioural, medical, environmental, or public safety concerns arise.
- Emergency response coordination may include veterinary referral, temporary placement support, decompression planning, emergency transportation coordination, or reassessment recommendations.
- Emergency decisions shall prioritize safety, stabilization, and welfare protection.

7. Confidentiality and Information Sharing

- Professional communication and consultation should occur in accordance with applicable confidentiality, privacy, welfare, and operational standards.
- Information sharing shall remain limited to information reasonably necessary to support welfare, placement stability, public safety, emergency management, or participant support where applicable.
- Participants may be required to authorize information sharing where legally or operationally appropriate.

8. Limitations of Professional Consultation

- External recommendations may be considered as part of placement planning, reassessment, welfare management, behavioural review processes, or disability-mitigation consultation; however, final authority regarding program participation, placement decisions, training progression, Certification status, reassessment outcomes, and operational policies remains with CanineSidekicks Service Dogs Inc.
- Consultation relationships do not establish employment, partnership, endorsement, or liability assumptions unless separately agreed in writing.

9. Documentation and Record-Keeping

- Consultation recommendations, referrals, emergency recommendations, reassessment findings, and collaborative support communications may be documented in accordance with applicable record-keeping policies.
- Documentation procedures are intended to support continuity of care, welfare oversight, placement stability, and program integrity.

10. Program Authority

- CanineSidekicks Service Dogs Inc. retains authority regarding consultation referrals, collaborative recommendations, participation eligibility, placement determinations, reassessment requirements, and welfare intervention decisions.
- Consultation procedures and referral relationships may be modified where necessary to support canine welfare, participant safety, public safety, and operational integrity.