

Mobility Assistance Service Dog Program

Task Specifications

TASK 1. RETRIEVAL & ASSISTANCE TASKS

The service dog is trained to retrieve, carry, locate, and manipulate commonly used items required by the handler.

Tasks may include:

- Retrieve Daily Items
- Retrieve Dropped Items
- Locate Items
- Carry Small Items
- Medication Retrieval
- Phone Retrieval
- Emergency Device Retrieval
- Bring Items to Another Person

The service dog's retrieval and assistance training in application will:

- Improve daily independence
- Reduce physical demands
- Minimize bending, reaching, and repetitive movements
- Improve efficiency during daily activities
- Increase accessibility within home and community environments

TASK 2. ACCESSIBILITY TASKS

The service dog is trained to assist the handler with common environmental barriers encountered during daily life.

Accessibility tasks may include:

- Open Doors
- Close Doors
- Open Accessible Door Buttons
- Open Cabinets
- Close Cabinets
- Open Drawers
- Close Drawers
- Tug Assistance
- Light Switch Activation

The service dog's accessibility training in application will:

- Increase access to home and community environments
- Reduce physical strain
- Improve independence in daily living activities
- Increase overall accessibility and functional ability

TASK 3. MOBILITY & STABILITY TASKS

The service dog may be trained to provide mobility-related assistance where appropriate and safe for the individual dog and handler team.

Mobility and stability tasks may include:

- Forward Momentum Assistance
- Forward Movement Into Stand
- Counterbalance Assistance
- Stability Assistance
- Assistance During Position Changes
- Momentum Through Environmental Obstacles
- Fatigue Management Support

The service dog's mobility task training in application will:

- Improve balance and stability
- Increase confidence during movement
- Reduce fatigue during daily activities
- Support safer transitions between positions
- Improve mobility within daily environments
- Increase independence and accessibility

TASK 4. NAVIGATION TASKS

The service dog is trained to assist the handler with movement through daily environments.

Navigation tasks may include:

- Guide to Exit
- Guide to Vehicle
- Guide to Designated Person
- Navigate Around Obstacles

The service dog's navigation training in application will:

- Improve environmental accessibility
- Reduce physical effort required for navigation

- Improve confidence during community access
- Increase safety during daily movement

TASK 5. EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE TASKS

The service dog is trained to assist the handler during disability-related emergencies or periods of reduced functioning.

Emergency assistance tasks may include:

- Retrieve Emergency Phone
- Retrieve Emergency Medication
- Seek Assistance from Another Person
- Activate Emergency Alert Device
- Remain With Handler During Medical Event

The service dog's emergency assistance training in application will:

- Improve handler safety
- Increase access to emergency support
- Reduce risk during disability-related events
- Improve confidence and independence

TASK 6. RESPONSE SEQUENCES

The service dog is trained to perform multi-step response chains that combine retrieval, accessibility, mobility, navigation, and emergency assistance tasks into a coordinated response.

Response sequences may include:

- Fall Recovery Response Sequence
- Fatigue Management Response Sequence
- Activities of Daily Living (ADL) Assistance Sequence

These integrated task chains are customized to the handler's disability-related needs and provide comprehensive support during disability-related events.

The service dog's response sequence training in application will:

- Provide structured support during disability-related events
- Improve safety and independence
- Reduce reliance on caregiver assistance
- Increase accessibility within home and community environments
- Enhance overall task reliability and effectiveness