

OUR DOGS

Mobility Assistance Service Dogs are trained to assist an individual in a wheelchair or with walking by providing stability and balance, push buttons for elevators or automatic doors, turn on lights, pick up dropped items, or open a fridge. These dogs are partnered with individuals with physical disabilities to assist with activities of daily living.



PTSD (Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder) Service Dogs are trained to perform tasks that mitigate their partner's disability. They are trained to interrupt anxiety attacks, wake their partner from nightmares or night terrors, heel in front or circle behind to create space, retrieve or remind their partner to take medications, and guide their partner safely to an exit and outside a building in stressful situations. A specially trained PTSD Service Dog can provide a sense of security, calming effect, and physical exercise that can make a positive difference in the life of an individual dealing with the daily challenges of PTSD.

Seizure Response Emergency Medical Response Dogs (EMRD) are trained to stay close to their partner during a seizure, to intervene and encourage their partner to come out of the seizure state, as well as fetch medications or a telephone.

Diabetic Alert (EMRD) are trained to detect sudden drops in their partner's blood sugar through scent and alert them so that they can monitor their blood sugar and consume something sweet. Their ability to detect and react to hypoglycemic episodes helps their partner avoid loss of consciousness and subsequent life-threatening effects.



SERVICE DOGS FOR AMERICA

(Great Plains Assistance Dogs Foundation)



It is our mission to train and certify service dogs for individuals with disabilities.

OUR PROGRAMS:

Inmate Canine Assistance Program (ICAP):

Currently, Service Dogs for America (SDA) works with two correctional facilities (James River Correctional Center, Jamestown ND since 2008 & Missouri River Correctional Center, Bismarck ND since 2015). This program consists of inmate teams who train and socialize our service dogs in training. The program has proven to be extremely beneficial for our dogs and the inmates at both facilities.

Foster Dog Program:

The purpose of the foster dog program at SDA is to provide additional socialization and training opportunities the service dogs might not otherwise receive. Service Dogs for America is always seeking individuals who are willing to foster service dogs in all stages of the training process. Volunteers must live within a 150 mile radius of SDA's campus in Jud, ND.

Facility Dog Program:

Occasionally, Service Dogs for America has facility dogs available for placement in a nursing home, assisted living center, counseling or juvenile detention center and other similar facilities. Facility dogs are typically dogs who love people and visiting; they have a warm, sensitive personality and are known for their unconditional love and attention they give to the people with whom they interact.

(Upcoming) Courthouse Dog Program:

Service Dogs for America is proud to announce its newest program, the Courthouse Dog Program. Soon, our service dogs will be in courthouses across the country providing comfort and security to vulnerable individuals testifying at trials. Individuals who utilize Courthouse Dogs are known to give more accurate and detailed information.

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