

WHAT ARE ASSISTANCE DOGS

Assistance Dogs have been individually trained to perform tasks for people with disabilities, such as alerting people who are deaf to everyday sounds, pulling wheelchairs or assisting a person who has had a seizure. Assistance Dogs are working animals, not pets.

Under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), businesses and organizations that serve the public must allow people with disabilities to bring their Assistance Dogs into all areas of the facility where customers are normally allowed to go. This federal law applies to all businesses open to the public, including restaurants, hotels, taxis and shuttles, grocery and department stores, hospitals and medical offices, theaters, health clubs, parks, and zoos.

Assistance Dogs can help a person lead a more active lifestyle. Master Sergeant Jacob Finger's life changed when he met Paws With A Cause® Assistance Dog, Dixie. "Before Dixie, I would stay in my house and be afraid to come out. Since I began working with Dixie, I've come to realize that change, recovery, wellness and dreams...anything is possible!"

"My experience with Paws With A Cause is more than just getting Dixie; it's a relationship. My PAWS® Field representative, Barb, broke down the commands in ways that made sense to me. There is no way we would be the team we are today without Barb or PAWS," Jacob says.

AMVETS National Ladies Auxiliary and Paws With A Cause are proud to honor America's military veterans with quality-trained Assistance Dogs.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information about how the ADA provides rights to Assistance Dog users, please visit pawswithacause.org.



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