

**ESA's
Emotional
Support
Dogs**

All dogs are ESA's and provide emotional support to their people. Some housing makes special allowances for ESA's. ESA's do not require any training and therefore have few rights under the law.

Therapy Dogs are those dogs who have wonderful handlers who bring them to hospitals, airports, schools, and tragic events to make others feel better. Therapy dogs need basic manners and training.

**Therapy
Dogs**

**Service
Dogs**

Service Dogs are specifically trained to perform a task to assist an individual with a disability. SD's need advanced training and proofing and may or may not be wearing a vest.

pranaDOGS Behavior & Rehabilitation Center, is a not-for-profit canine training facility located just outside of Durango, CO.

We work with Shelters and Rescues to help dogs who need a bit more time and attention than a typical organization can provide.

**Dogs
Rock!**



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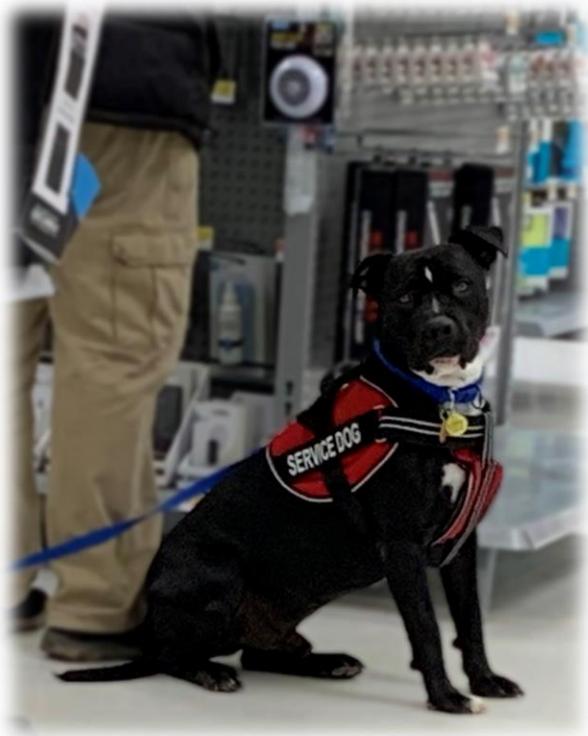
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CAN MY DOG BE A SERVICE DOG?



Trained Service Dogs are amazing. They can alert their owners to changes in their bodies, provide support and assist in crucial activities.

DOGS THAT CAN BE SERVICE DOGS



Know your Dog!

Some dogs are overwhelmed by people or new experiences, some are terrified of noises and some cannot focus on you when life happens.

Be sure not to sign your dog up for a job they don't want or won't be good at.

If your dog needs an Emotional Support Dog – they are not a good candidate to be a Service Dog!

Are able to ignore everything in the environment

They can ignore the dog walking past, the little kid with chocolate covered fingers who wants to pet them or the smell of BBQ

Don't get upset or freaked out by unpredictable humans

They aren't anxious when walking through a crowd, even a drunken crowd, even at 2am, exploring an area they've never been or dealing with an aggressive dog or human.

Dogs that can put their human first, no matter what

Let's face it, some dogs don't want to work or focus on something 24/7. They're couch potatoes, bred for short-term work or just don't care enough. SD's have to put their human's first, once a cue is given, a trained SD doesn't need to be told a second time.

Dogs that have great impulse control and manners

SD's cannot react to the environment, unless that reaction is part of their work - like blocking or grounding their human. Their entire job is focused on their human, and being calm for them, they take-in just enough of the environment to be aware of what's going on and how it may affect their person.

Obviously this list is by no means comprehensive, but it's a start as to why less than 50% of dogs bred to be Service Dog's don't even graduate. Very few dogs can actually handle the stress and unpredictability of SD work.

**Puppies are kids and should not be made to work.
Train and socialize your puppy but they can't even be
assessed for SD work until they're over a year old!**