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Service Dog Trainer Certification.

This Certification will serve as a measurement tool to assess a Candidates knowledge and ability to train service dogs and thereby conduct quality public access certification for service dogs. Dog should be trained to an appropriate level for the portion of the test being conducted

- Part A of Module 1 is to be done with SD Candidates dog of choice:
- Part B, C, & D of Module 1 are to be done with a Service Dog* if available, Trained by Candidate.
- Part E of Module 1 is to be done with an untrained dog of Candidates choosing
- Treats may be used but NOT in public places such as store, mall, food establishments, etc.
- If the Candidate sees the dog demonstrating any behaviors at any time during the certification that prevents the dog from completing the task or results in a fearful response from the dog it is expected that the Candidate shall halt the test at that time.
- Equipment will be in compliance with ADA standards-i.e. ***leash, harness or tethered, unless these devices interfere with the service animal's work or the individual's disability prevents utilizing these devices. If not able to use this equipment dog must be under voice, signal or other effective control of handler.*** Candidate must identify how long dog has been training with said equipment and or how it is/has been utilized. Equipment must be appropriate to the task and the dog must not be demonstrating stress, etc... from the use of said equipment.
- Dogs must always be treated with respect and patience
- Candidate must pass each Certification Module with a score of 80% or higher.

Certification will be conducted via either a live feed or video with a Proxy* who will be used to verify the veracity of the video and the person taking the certification. If a Candidate chooses to do a video with Proxy, the video would then be uploaded to a private YouTube channel for grading by the IACP Service Dog Certification Committee. Each Committee Member will grade independently and then the scores will be averaged for each Module. The average must meet or exceed 80% for passing.

*it is suggested that this Proxy be an alternate party

A Candidate may be allowed to take the Certification 2 times in immediate succession but if not passed the 2nd time must wait 90 days to take it again.

MODULE I

(Score of 230 Possible Points. A score of 184 is needed for the 80% to pass)

Physical demonstration of abilities. (110 Possible Points)

A. Demonstrate basic obedience (May be done with a dog of Candidates choice).

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| 1. Leash application and collar-can use soft training collar during Certification | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 2. Demonstrate how to put collar on dog with dog eager to comply | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 3. Demonstrate Come/Here Command: Drop leash step away a minimum of 6 feet and call your dog to you | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 4. Demonstrate Sit Command with Verbal and Hand Commands then move 6 feet away and only use Hand Signal | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 5. Demonstrate Down Command with Verbal and Hand Commands then move 6 feet away and only use Hand Signal | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 6. Demonstrate Wait Behavior (dog will not move forward through doorway or over the threshold, without permission of candidate | | | | | | | | | | |
| a) At A Doorway Going in or outside | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 7. Demonstrate Heel and Side (left and right side of person) on a controlled walk outside | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 8. Demonstrate Connection with dog on controlled walk outside (dog will stay in proper position and not be lunging forward or lagging behind) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |

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| 9. Demonstrate dog Using Bathroom on command outside | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 10. Demonstrate proper people greetings with and without another dog present | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 11. Demonstrate Load and unload in a vehicle including putting leash on and dog waiting patiently beside person | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |

B. Demonstrate Service Tasks (select task(s) appropriate for type of service dog trained) (10 Possible Points). Must be a Service Dog* (if available), trained by Candidate. Candidate is to state the task(s) to be demonstrated.

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| 1. Dropped item retrieval | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 2. Go and retrieve specific item (phone, remote, leash, etc.) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 3. Help with removing article of clothing (coat) and getting clothes on | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 4. Pick up leash and hand back to handler while walking | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 5. Open and Close door or cabinet | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 6. Turn Lights On/Off | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 7. Brace (support handler getting out of chair, off floor, etc.) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 8. Assist with Laundry | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 9. Anxiety Markers/Stress Relief/redirect attention | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 10. Seizure Response | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 11. High counter retrieval. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 12. Alert to scent (high or low) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 13. Repetitive motion interruption | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 14. Pull or guide wheelchair | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 15. PTS Behavior interruptions | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 16. Sound Alarm | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 17. Other _____ | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |



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C. Demonstrate each of the following: (60 Possible Points). Must be a Service Dog*, (if available) trained by Candidate.

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| 1. Demonstrate Leave It | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 2. Demonstrate Drop It/Give | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 3. Demonstrate dogs' ability to traverse a different surfaces and elevation change
(escalators, elevators, stairs, etc.) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 4. Demonstrate appropriate Travel skills for public transport: (taxi, bus, train, etc.) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 5. Demonstrate that dog does not respond inappropriately to stimuli in the environment
and/or recovers appropriately (i.e. a loud noise, visual, etc. – may startle but recovers
and returns to work) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 6. Dog can be left with a stranger (not out of sight of handler) for 4-5 min in a stable manner.
Upon candidates return dog remains calm and under control. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |

D. **There should be demonstrations of the dog performing in all of the following venues, identifying the specific tasks that the dog will perform:**

(40 Possible Points) Must be a Service Dog* (if available) trained by Candidate.

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| 1. Public Location | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 2. Grocery store | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 3. Mall (can be a strip mall) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 4. Restaurant | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |

*if a service dog is not available at the time of taking the test, then must discuss with facilitator of the committee options for utilizing another trained dog.



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E. The final part of the Certification is a demonstration of instructor training candidate's techniques with an **untrained dog**.

You will have ample time to demonstrate the application of your training process for three simple

commands that we assign at random (sit, down, etc.). (10 possible points)

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10



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MODULE II

(30 Possible Points. A score of 24 points is needed for the 80% to pass)

Communication with Service Dog Owner (A proxy may be used for this portion of the Certification due to Patient Privacy Laws, etc.)

Candidate demonstrates ability to communicate in an appropriate manner with Service Dog

Owner and is able to convey training information in a way that is clear to the SD Owner.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Candidate demonstrates knowledge of communicating instructions to SD owners with

different types of impairment (choose 2): (20 Possible Points)

1. Auditory

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

2. Medical Response / Support

a. Diabetes

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

b. Seizure

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

c. Allergies

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

3. Mobility

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

4. Psychiatric

a. PTS

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

b. Anxiety

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10



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5. Sensory / Social Signal Support Dogs

a. Autism

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

6. Visual

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10



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MODULE III

(50 possible Points. A score of 40 is needed for the 80% to pass)

Demonstrate knowledge of Service Dog Laws

Candidate will demonstrate knowledge of service dog laws relative to their area

(US, Europe, Asia, etc.). You will be given 5 random questions from a pool to answer, specific

to Service Dog Laws in your region. These may be multiple choice, short essay or True or False

type questions

1. Question #1

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

2. Question #2

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

3. Question #3

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

4. Question #4

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

5. Question #5

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10



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SCORING By MODULE

(80% of 310 = a passing score of 248 total)

MODULE I (230 Possible) _____

MODULE II (30 Possible) _____

MODULE III (50 Possible) _____

TOTAL SCORE _____

I attest that I have evaluated the above Candidate (via live feed or Video recording with appropriate Proxy) for their proficiency in training and evaluating Service Dogs according to the International Association of Service Dog Committee's Certification Guidelines.

Evaluator #1: _____

Evaluator #2: _____

Evaluator #3: _____