



One Person. One Dog. Partners in Life.





OUR MISSION

We enable Coloradans with disabilities to lead more independent and gratifying lives through training and partnering them with highly skilled service dogs.





TYPES OF ASSISTANCE DOGS

Service Dog

- **Mobility Service Dog**
- Seizure Service Dog
- Diabetic Alert Service Dog
- Autism Service Dog
- Medical Alert Service Dog
- Psychiatric Service Dog
- Service Dogs for Veterans with Military-related PTSD

Guide Dog

Hearing Dog

Facility Intervention







TYPES OF ASSISTANCE DOGS WE PLACE

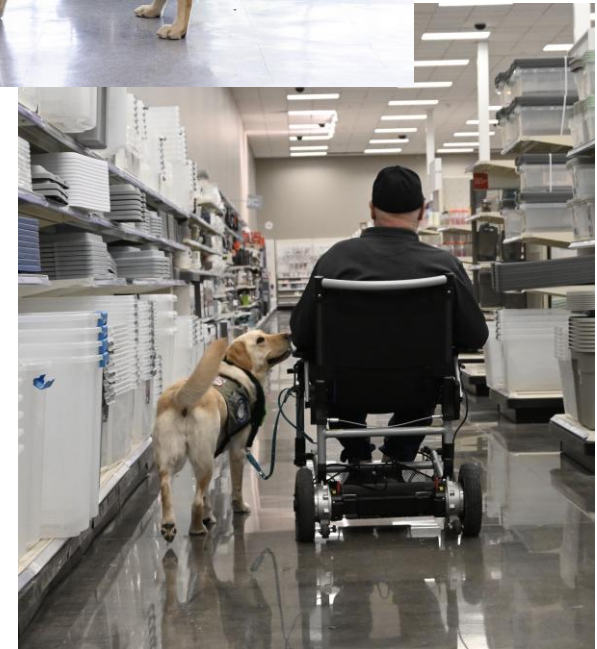
We place dogs in Colorado to ensure we can best support the human-dog team throughout the lifetime of the partnership.

Mobility Service Dogs

- Picking up dropped items
- Opening and closing drawers and doors
- Assisting with laundry
- Much more!

Facility Dogs

- Hospitals – Childrens Hospital Colorado
- Schools
- Counseling Centers





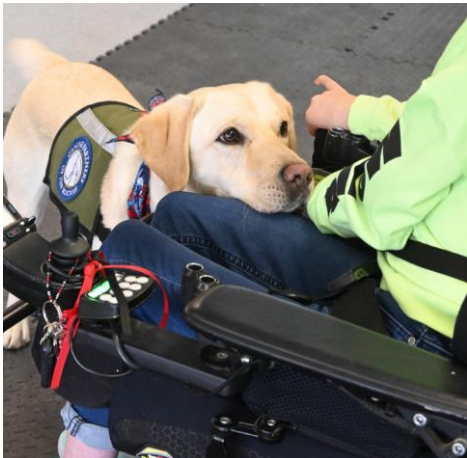
Mobility Service Dogs

MEDICAL CONDITIONS WE SUPPORT

- Multiple Sclerosis
- Spinal cord injuries
- Parkinson's Disease
- Amputations
- Cerebral Palsy
- Mobility-impacting auto-immune diseases (e.g., Rheumatoid Arthritis)
- And other mobility-limiting challenges

MOBILITY RELATED TASKS

- Retrieving objects (e.g., wallets, keys, phones, remote devices)
- Opening and closing doors, drawers
- Turning on and off light switches
- Pushing accessible door and elevator buttons
- Assisting with dressing
- Assisting with laundry
- And other individualized tasks

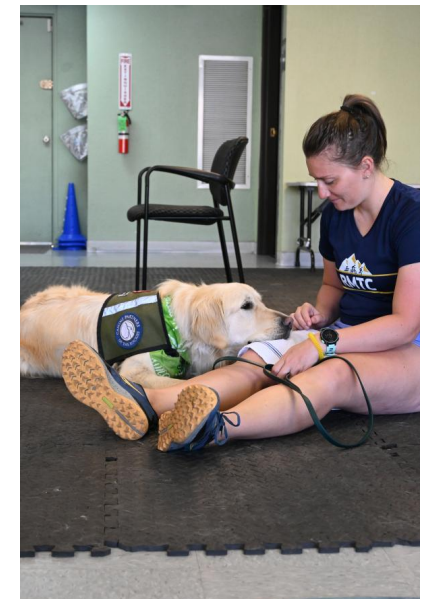




SERVICE DOGS AND PARKINSON'S

For people with Parkinson's, service dogs can be trained to perform a variety of individualized tasks, including:

- Helping incorporate daily exercise into your schedule.
- Mitigating freezing by nudging a leg
- Providing support while getting in and out of chairs
- Retrieving and carrying objects, such as medication bottles or a dropped phone or other items that are difficult to reach
- Assisting in dressing and undressing by fetching clothes or gently tugging off socks and sleeves
- Opening and closing doors and drawers
- Turning lights on or off
- Retrieving adaptive equipment
- Pushing an emergency services button
- Retrieving specific items like water or medications
- Providing physical pressure to help soothe their owner





MOBILITY TEAM SPOTLIGHT



"I probably wouldn't be who I am today if it wasn't for service dogs. He's just brought meaning into my life and Canine Partners of the Rockies (CaPR) has given me a purpose..."
– Perri (Thatcher)



"These dogs provide more than just tasks. They changed my life significantly because... people avoid looking at you in a wheelchair. They wouldn't even notice you. The dog brings the attention back to me.
It's like having a second chance." – Steve (Dune)



Dogs We Place

- Our dogs come from working dog lines which means **they are bred to work!**
- Breeds we use right now:
Labradors, Golden Retrievers, and Lab Golden mixes
- Why are they so great?
 - Temperament
 - Confident and Curious
 - Health
 - Eager to work





JOURNEY OF A SERVICE DOG



Puppy Raiser Home
8 weeks – 1.5 years



Advanced Training
1.5 years to 2 years



Placement
Lifelong Partnership



IMPORTANCE OF VOLUNTEER RAISERS, DONORS AND SUPPORTERS



Puppy Raisers Provide:

- Socialization
- Transportation to class and Trainings
- Manners and basic obedience
- Healthy, happy homes for our future service dogs

Donors and other supporters provide:

- Financial means to meet our mission
- Positive reviews, social media posts/ shares

Check out www.cpotr.org for opportunities to get involved!



JOURNEY OF A SERVICE DOG APPLICANT

Initial Contact and Screening



Application and Interviews



Wait for the right partner to come along



Match Day

Team Training

Continued Partnership





WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU SEE A SERVICE DOG



- Speak to the handler when greeting a service dog team, *not the dog.*
- Don't distract the service dog,
 - This include not touching, staring at, making noises at, offering food to, or talking to the service dog
- **Always ask before you approach or try to pet the dog!**
 - Don't be offended if a handler says no or doesn't want to answer questions about life with a service dog.
- Know service dog vests and/or ID cards are not required by law
- If you are an adult responsible for children or another dog in a public setting, have control over them and be ready to intervene if necessary.
- Know service dogs are valued and well-loved family members who enjoy their jobs!

Remember - ***the dog is working*** and should not be distracted from the important job they are doing.

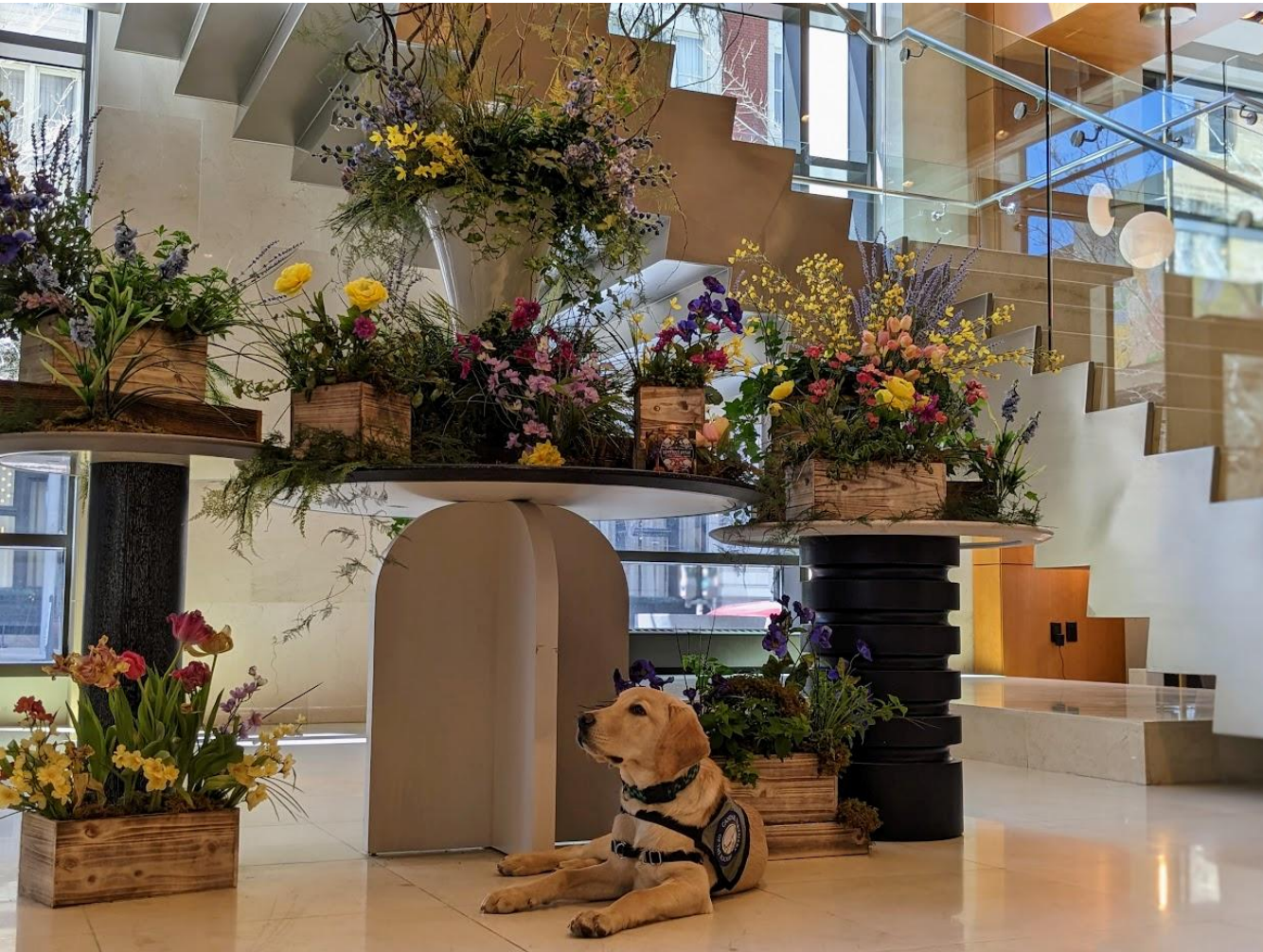


Demonstration with Service Dog Ambassador Vail and Service Dog in Training Bear





RESOURCES



Public Access laws:

- <https://assistedogsinternational.org/resources/public-access-laws-united-states/>

Get Involved with Canine Partners

- www.cpotr.org

How to Find a Service Dog

- <https://assistedogsinternational.org/main/looking-for-an-assistance-dog/>

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Thank you!



PUBLIC ACCESS LAWS

Service animals are:

- Dogs or miniature horses
- Trained to perform a task directly related to a person's disability
- **Fully trained and placed OR in training – both have the same access rights in Colorado**

Service animals are NOT:

- Required to be certified or go through a professional training program
- Required to wear a vest or other ID that indicates they're a service dog
- Emotional support or comfort dogs, because providing emotional support or comfort is not a task related to a person's disability

When a Service Animal Can Be Kept Out

- A business or state/local government does not need to allow a service animal if the dog's presence would fundamentally alter the nature of the goods, services, programs, or activities provided to the public
- Service dogs are not required to be allowed in places not open to the public
- Churches, private residences, and private clubs are not required to allow service dogs





PUBLIC ACCESS LAWS

State/local governments can:

- Require service dogs to be licensed and vaccinated, if all dogs are required to be licensed and vaccinated
- Offer *voluntary* service dog registration programs

State/local governments can't:

- Require certification or registration of service dogs
- Ban a service dog based on its breed

Learn More About the ADA and Service Animals

- The following technical assistance documents provide more helpful information about service animals:
- [Frequently Asked Questions about Service Animals and the ADA](#)
- [ADA Requirements: Service Animals](#)

