



PAWSOME ASSISTANCE DOGS REQUIREMENTS FOR ASSESSMENT FOR PUBLIC ACCESS TRAINING

Initial Assessment of the Team involves the following: -

1. There is a **demonstrated bond** between the Handler and the Dog: -
 - a) There must be **no aggression** in the training or control of dog by the Handler.
 - b) The dog shows a **developing/developed focus** on the Handler for directions and reinforcement of good behaviour, or indication of unacceptable behaviour.
 - c) They are able to demonstrate both the Handler and Dog, are **safe and effective as a Team** in public.
2. The dog must be of good health, well being and physical ability, which will be verified by a Vet letter at the Application process.
3. Be able to demonstrate the Dog can be controlled by the Primary Handler, or if required, jointly by the Primary and Alternate Handler. The dog needs to be walking calmly and with focus on the Handler, not dragging the Handler, or lunging frequently or unprovoked at other dogs. The dog cannot be reactive. It must not be aggressive – growling, snarling, showing teeth, raising hackles, biting etc.
4. The dog must not show fear of the Handler, Public places or environments, people, children, or equipment.
5. The dog must **not show signs of Guarding** or be territorial towards the Handler, People, Possessions, Food. The exception being if the Dog is alerting or protecting the Handler during a medical episode.
6. The Dog must respond to **basic commands** such as Sit, Stand, Down, Stay, Heel, and walk on a loose lead. It must be able to hold a sit/stay, or down/stay, for 20 seconds. The Dog must also be able to hold position, while the Handler walks a distance from it, and then for the dog to be recalled to the Handler. The dog is not off lead during this task. It is done with a long, dropped lead, approximately the length of two standard leads.
7. The Dog must be able to **be controlled by another unfamiliar person**.
8. As a Team in public, both Handler and Dog need to present with cleanliness, professionalism, moderated behaviour and etiquette around people and other dogs/animals.

9. The Dog must be **toilet trained**. The Handler must be able to either have the dog toilet on command, or be able to know the signs that the dog needs to be removed to an appropriate location for toileting
10. The Handler needs to train the dog for safe entry and exit of vehicles, buildings, or other environments, by following their guidance and commands.
11. Commands and control of the dog can be verbal, hand signals, or a combination of both. The words used for each task is at the Handler's discretion, the Handler needs to be able to demonstrate that the dog understands the expectation attached to the word or hand signal.
12. **Small dogs**, whilst being permitted to be carried in certain environments, must still be able to walk on a loose lead with attention on the Handler. Small dogs, being carried in strollers, carriers or trolleys, must still be able to pass all the assessment requirements, but additionally, they must be able to show they can be controlled and work from the location of the pram, trolley, carrier etc, to support the Handler's needs. Small dogs may be lifted in and out of vehicles, but must still display control and obedience.

ASSESSMENT BY ITEMS

The Items are described in detail in the Public Access Standards document and are listed here simply as a overview of future requirements

- ITEM 1 HANDLER PRESENCE
- ITEM 2 HANDLER AWARENESS

- ITEM 3 ASSISTANCE DOG ROLE
- ITEM 4 IDENTIFIABLE TASKS

- ITEM 5 PUBLIC PROFESSIONALISM
- ITEM 6 EQUIPMENT

- ITEM 7 COMMANDS

- ITEM 8 SIT/DROP/STAY/IGNORE

- ITEM 9 CONTROLLED LOAD/UNLOAD OF A VEHICLE

- ITEM 10 APPROACHING A BUILDING

- ITEM 11 CONTROLLED ENTRY/EXIT BUILDING

- ITEM 12 MOVING THROUGH BUILDINGS

- ITEM 13 SITS ON COMMAND
- ITEM 14 DOWNS ON COMMAND

- ITEM 15 DISTRACTIONS

ITEM 16 RESTAURANT

ITEM 17 FOOD REFUSAL

ITEM 18 3 METRE RECALL

ITEM 19 DROP LEAD AND RETRIEVE

ITEM 20 INTERACTIONS WITH STRANGERS

ITEM 21 WORKING COMMANDS

ITEM 22 BARKING/TASKING

ITEM 23 WALK BESIDE A SHOPPING TROLEEY/WHEEL CHAIR

ITEM 24 PROOFED IN MULTIPLE PUBLIC ACCESS ENVIRONMENTS

ITEM 25 TEAM RELATIONSHIP

ITEM 26 COMPLIANCE

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