



Common Tasks Performed by Service Dogs (as listed on Government of Alberta website)

Hearing - Hearing impairment to such a degree that the person requires a service dog to:

1. Alert handler to name being called
2. Alert handler to phone ring
3. Alert handler to oncoming cars
4. Alert handler to any potential dangers
5. Alert handler to the presence of others
6. Other auditory support tasks: must explain

Mobility - Physical disability or mobility issues to such a degree that the person requires a service dog to:

7. Retrieve dropped items
8. Hold items
9. Carry items in a store or to another room
10. Place items on the counter at the cash register
11. Open/close doors
12. Fetch a cane, walker or other equipment
13. Assist handler to get up from a chair or the floor
14. Turn lights on and off
15. Assist with the transfer from wheelchair to chair
16. Reach for items from a shelf or shopping cart
17. Answer a (cell) phone when it rings
18. Alert others in the event of emergency
19. Alert handler to hazards such as steps, curbs, potholes or other obstacles
20. Fetch medications if needed
21. Assist with stairs
22. Assist with ambulation
23. Retrieve a purse, wallet, backpack or travel bag
24. Carry mail
25. Carry an item to another person
26. Pull or maneuver a wheelchair
27. Assist with shopping cart or basket
28. Push handicap or elevator buttons
29. Safely maneuver handler in a parking lot
30. Assist in a public restroom



31. Put away an item

32. Emergency body pull

33. Other mobility support tasks: must explain

Developmental - Developmental disability such as Autism Spectrum Disorder or similar condition where, under the supervision of a parent or guardian, a service dog can:

34. Calm child when agitated

35. Prevent the child from self-harming

36. Prevent the child from bolting

37. Facilitate social interactions for the child

38. Other development support tasks: must explain

Medical - Conditions such as seizure disorders, diabetes, cardiac rhythm disturbances, etc. where a person would benefit from a service dog that can:

39. Alert handler to changes in medical condition, such as low blood sugar, impending seizures or cardiac rhythm disturbances

40. Fetch medication if needed

41. Fetch the phone so handler can call for help

42. Alert others to the need for assistance

43. Reassure handler during medical crisis

44. Watch over handler until help arrives

45. Assist handler in sitting or lying down in cases of impending medical crisis

46. Assist handler in getting up from floor or chair after medical crisis

47. Other medical alert or response tasks: must explain

Psychological - Psychological conditions such as Post-traumatic Stress Disorder or other psychological conditions where the person requires a service dog to:

48. Provide tactile stimulation orienting handler in the present

49. Assist with locating keys or telephone

50. Fetch medication if needed

51. Place items on the counter at the cash register

52. Open/close doors

53. Fetch a cane, walker or other equipment

54. Assist handler to get up from a chair or the floor

55. Turn lights on and off

56. Assist with the transfer from wheelchair to chair

57. Reach for items from a shelf or shopping cart

58. Answer a (cell) phone when it rings

59. Alert others in the event of emergency

60. Alert handler to hazards such as steps, curbs, potholes or other obstacles

61. Other psychological support tasks: must explain