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NEADS/Dogs for Deaf and Disabled Americans

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NEADS/Dogs for Deaf and Disabled Americans is a non-profit organization that was established in 1976 to train and provide canine assistance for people who are deaf or physically disabled. These assistance dogs become an extension of their handlers and bring freedom, physical autonomy and relief from social isolation to their human partners.

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Balance/walker dogs act as a mobile cane or railing to people in need of help with balance and are also trained to pick up dropped items, push light switches, tug doors open and bark on command to summon help.



Service dogs assist people with physical disabilities by performing tasks like picking up dropped items, retrieving objects from tables or counters, turning light switches on and off, tugging doors open, and others.



Service dogs for classroom, ministry and therapy are matched with professionals who work with students who have mental or physical disabilities and ministers who engage with their general community.



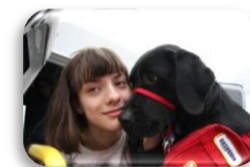
Hearing dogs alert people who are deaf or hard of hearing to sounds such as a door knock, smoke detector, alarm clock, approaching traffic, a telephone ringing or even the sound of the handler's name.

Canines for Combat Veterans is the first assistance dog program devoted to placing service dogs with veterans from the Iraq and Afghanistan wars. NEADS has placed more than 30 dogs and has expanded the program to include qualified veterans from all wars.



Service dogs for children are trained to perform many of the same tasks as service dogs for adults, like: picking up dropped items, opening doors, and turning lights on or off, among others.

Social dogs for children assist kids with autism or other disabilities who have a hard time with social interaction. The dogs provide a focus and point of reference.



Assistance dogs are custom-trained to meet the needs of each client
Dogs are trained via a celebrated partnership with 13 New England prisons
Endorsed by therapeutic professionals · Extensive two-week on-site training for clients