

ASSISTANCE ANIMALS

NATIONAL

CAPUCHIN MONKEYS

HELPING HANDS – Monkey Helpers for the Disabled – <http://www.monkeyhelpers.org> - Places specially trained **capuchin monkeys** with individuals who are paralyzed or who suffer other severe mobility impairments. No fee is charged to the recipients.

MONKEY HELPERS – <http://www.monkeyhelpers.org> – Trains and places monkeys to quadriplegics and individuals with severe spinal cord injuries or mobility impairments free of charge.

MINIATURE HORSES

THE GUIDE HORSE FOUNDATION – <http://www.guidehorse.com> - Places **miniature horses** to visually impaired individuals at no cost to the blind. This is a great alternative for those who are allergic to dogs, want an animal that will live longer, love horses, and find the little horses easier to handle. Also covers the cost for traveling and housing expenses for the blind handler's on-site training.

DOGS

ASSISTANCE DOGS OF AMERICA – <http://www.adai.org> – Trains and places service and therapy dogs to individuals from children with muscular dystrophy and spina bifida to adults with cerebral palsy and spinal cord injuries. Also trains therapy dogs to assist individuals with development disabilities, autism and Down's Syndrome. **Serves Ohio, Indiana and the lower peninsula of Michigan.**

CANINE ASSISTANTS – <http://www.canineassistants.org> – Trains and places service dogs to children and adults with physical disabilities or other special needs.

CANINE COMPANIONS FOR INDEPENDENCE – <http://www.cci.org> – Trains and places service dogs and ongoing support to individuals with disabilities. Must be at least 18 years old with an established, stable home life. Children must be at least 5 years old to be considered for a Skilled Companion.

CANINE PARTNERS FOR LIFE – <http://www.k94life.org> – Trains and places service dogs, home companion dogs, and residential companion dogs to individuals nationwide who have a wide range of physical and cognitive disabilities.

DOGS FOR THE DEAF – <http://www.dogsforthedeaf.org> – Rescues, trains, and places service dogs to the deaf. Dogs are placed free of charge.

GUIDE DOGS OF AMERICA – <http://www.guidedogsofamerica.org> – Trains and places service dogs free of charge to individuals who are blind or visually impaired. **Serves the US, Canada, and Mexico.**

GUIDING EYES FOR THE BLIND – <http://www.guidingeyes.org> – Trains and places service dogs, training and lifetime support services to the blind and visually impaired. **Serves the US, Canada, Puerto Rico and some countries.**

LOVING PAWS ASSISTANCE DOGS – <http://www.lovingpaws.com> – Trains and places service dogs to children and young adults between the ages of 5 and 20 nationwide who are physically disabled. While the majority of Loving Paws placements are with children that have spinal cord injuries, they also place service and social dogs to children with Muscular Dystrophy, Cerebral Palsy, Spina Bifida, Autism and other disabilities. Dogs are provided free of charge to applicants.

KSDS, INC. – <http://www.ksds.org> – Trains and places service dogs to individuals with disabilities.

LOVING PAWS ASSISTANCE DOGS – <http://www.lovingpaws.com> - Trains and places service dogs to children and young adults **nationwide and Canada** who are physically disabled. Also provides service and social dogs to children with Muscular Dystrophy, Cerebral Palsy, Spina Bifida, Autism, and other disabilities.

N.E.A.D.S. – DOGS FOR DEAF AND DISABLED AMERICANS – <http://www.neads.org> – Trains and places rescued dogs and donated puppies to individuals who are deaf or physically disabled.

PAWS WITH A CAUSE – <http://www.pawswithacause.org> – Trains and places service dogs to individuals with disabilities. Also provides lifetime team support.

POWER PAWS ASSISTANCE DOGS, INC. – <http://www.azpowerpaws.org> – Trains and places service dogs to adults and children with disabilities throughout the United States

SECOND CHANCE SERVICE DOGS – Email: secondchanceservicedogs@yahoo.com – Primarily provides service dogs to people with emotional disabilities: anxiety, depression, Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and other emotional disabilities.

SEEING EYE, INC. – <http://www.seeingeye.org> - Trains and provides service dogs to individuals who are blind or visually impaired.

SUPPORT DOGS – <http://www.supportdogs.org> – Trains and places service dogs to recipients nationwide.

THE GUIDE DOG FOUNDATION – <http://www.guidedog.org> – Trains and places guide dogs free of charge to the blind who seek enhanced mobility and independence.

VETDOGS – THE GUIDE DOG FOUNDATION – <http://www.guidedog.org/vetdogs> - Trains and places guide and service dogs for the visually impaired veteran and veterans who have disabilities other than blindness.

ARIZONA

CANINE CO-PILOTS – <http://www.caninecopilots.org> – Trains and places service dogs to assist people with mobility impairments and social therapy dogs to benefit a wide range of people around the local community.

TOP DOG – <http://www.dopdogusa.org> – Teaches people with physical disabilities how to train their own dogs to become fully certified service dogs.

CALIFORNIA

DOGS FOR DIABETICS – <http://www.dogs4diabetics.com> - Provides medical alert assistance dogs to youth and adults who are insulin-dependent type 1 diabetics. The dogs have been specifically trained to identify, and more importantly, act upon the subtle scent changes that hypoglycemia (low blood glucose) creates in body chemistry, changes undetectable to their human companions. Serves northern California.

GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND – <http://www.guidedogs.com> – Trains and places service dogs free of charge to people admitted to their program. While you can have some vision, you must be legally blind to apply.

GUIDE DOGS OF THE DESERT – <http://www.guidedogsofthedesert.org> – Trains and places service dogs to individuals who are visually impaired. Must be 15 or older, independent, emotionally stable and able to take care of your own health needs.

PAWS'ITIVE TEAMS – <http://www.pawsteams.org> – Trains and places service dogs to individuals with disabilities. All placements are limited to San Diego.

TENDER LOVING CANINES – <http://www.tenderlovingcanines.org> – Trains and places service dogs to people with disabilities in San Diego, CA.

COLORADO

FREEDOM SERVICE DOGS, INC. – <http://freedomservicedogs.org> – Rescues and trains service dogs to individuals with disabilities.

CONNECTICUT

EAST COAST ASSISTANCE DOGS, INC. – <http://www.ecad1.org> – Trains and places service dogs to individuals with disabilities. **Serves Connecticut, New York, Massachusetts, Ohio, New Jersey, Rhode Island, and parts of Pennsylvania and Florida.**

FLORIDA

KIDS AND CANINES – <http://www.kidsandcanines.org> – Trains and places service dogs to individuals with disabilities.

NEW HORIZONS SERVICE DOGS – <http://www.newhorizonservicedogs.org> – Trains and places service dogs to individuals with disabilities.

SOUTHEASTERN GUIDE DOGS – <http://www.guidedogs.org> – *Paws for Independence*: Partners individuals with visual impairments with guide dogs. *Paws for Patriots*: Partners veterans with visual and other disabilities with guide and therapy dogs. *Gifted Canines*: Provides law enforcement agencies, hospitals, assisted-living facilities, nursing homes and individuals with special needs with dogs who excel in narcotic arson detection, search and rescue, therapy and other specialized careers.

GEORGIA

CANINE ASSISTANTS – <http://www.canineassistants.org> – Trains and places service dogs to children and adults with physical disabilities or other special needs.

ILLINOIS

MORRIS SERVICE DOGS – <http://www.morriservicedogs.org> – Trains and places service dogs to individuals with all types of disabilities.

INDIANA

INDIANA CANINE ASSISTANCE NETWORK – <http://www.icaan.net> – Trains and places service dogs for Indiana residents.

KANSAS

KSDS, INC – <http://www.ksds.org> – Trains and places service dogs and support to the visually impaired or physically disabled.

MARYLAND

FIDOS FOR FREEDOM, INC. – <http://www.fidosforfreedom.org> – Dedicated to increasing the quality of life for people living in the Baltimore-Washington metropolitan community through the use of hearing, service, and therapy dogs.

MASSACHUSETTS

CANINES FOR DISABLED KIDS – <http://www.azpowerpaws.org> – Provides access to specially trained assistance dogs for children and disabilities.

MINNESOTA

HEARING AND SERVICE DOGS OF MINNESOTA – <http://www.hsdm.org> – Trains and places service dogs for deaf, physically disabled individuals and children with autism. Their service area also **includes Wisconsin, North and South Dakota, Iowa, Missouri and parts of Illinois.**

HELPING PAWS – <http://www.helpingpaws.org> – Trains and places service dogs to individuals with a physical disability other than visual or hearing impaired.

MISSOURI

C.H.A.M.P. ASSISTANCE DOGS, INC. – <http://www.champdogs.org> - Trains and places service dogs to individuals who have disabilities. **Serves the St. Louis area.**

SUPPORT DOGS, INC. – <http://www.supportdogs.org> – Provides pet-assisted therapy to thousands in the St. Louis Metropolitan area.

NEW YORK

CANINE HELPERS FOR THE HANDICAPED – <http://www.caninehelpers.org> – Matches people with disability-specific dogs.

EAST COAST ASSISTANCE DOGS, INC. – <http://www.ecad1.org> – Trains and places service dogs to individuals with disabilities

OHIO

4PAWS FOR DISABILITY – <http://www.4awsforability.org> – Trains and places service dogs. Provides public information about service dogs. Reduces the number of unwanted animals by obtaining them from shelters and rescue groups.

OKLAHOMA

THERAPETICS – <http://www.therapetics.org> – Trains and places service dogs to Oklahoma residents with physical disabilities.

OREGON

GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND – <http://www.guidedogs.com> – Trains and places service dogs free of charge to people admitted to their program. While you can have some vision, you must be legally blind to apply.

PENNSYLVANIA

CANINE PARTNERS FOR LIFE – <http://www.k94life.org> – Trains and places service dogs and provides support services to individuals with mobility impairments.

SUSQUEHANNA SERVICE DOGS – <http://www.keystonehumanservices.org> – Trains and places service dogs to children and adults with disabilities.

EAGLES' WINGS SERVICE DOGS – <http://www.eagleswingsservicedogs.org> – Serves people with mobility impairments from arthritis, balance issues, to paraplegics. They do not place dogs with children.

TEXAS

TEXAS HEARING AND SERVICE DOGS – <http://www.servicedogs.org> - Trains and places service dogs to Texans living with hearing or mobility challenges free of charge.

VIRGINIA

BLUE RIDGE ASSISTANCE DOGS – <http://blueridgeassistancedogs.org> - Trains and places assistance, and social/therapy dogs to individuals with disabilities.

SAINT FRANCIS SERVICE DOGS – <http://www.saintfrancisdogs.org> – Trains and places service dogs to individuals with physical and/or emotional disabilities. Dogs are provided free of charge to qualified candidates.

INTERNATIONAL

AUSTRALIA

ASSISTANCE DOGS AUSTRALIA – <http://www.assistancedogs.org.au> – Obtains, trains and maintains dogs in community settings to assist people with their disabilities.

CANADA

CANADIAN GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND – <http://www.guidedogs.ca> – Trains and place guide dogs to visually-impaired Canadians.

CANINES WITH A CAUSE – <http://www.canineswithacause.org> – Teams specially trained dogs for those affected with a mobility disability.

DOGS WITH WINGS - <http://www.dogswithwings.ca> – Provides Guide, Service and Assistance Dogs to Albertans with disabilities.

DOGS FOR THE DEAF – <http://www.dogsforthedeaf.org> – Rescues and trains dogs to assist the deaf. Dogs are placed free of charge

HELPING PAWS – <http://www.helpingpaws.com.ca> - Trains and places service dogs to individuals with disabilities.

PACIFIC ASSISTANCE DOG SOCIETY – <http://www.pads.ca> – Trains and places service dogs to individuals with physical disabilities or who are deaf or hard of hearing. Serves individuals residing in British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba.

EUROPE

AUSTRIA

PARTNER-HUNDE ASSISTANCE DOGS EUROPE – <http://www.partner-hunde.org> – Trains and places service, hearing, seizure, and therapy dogs to individuals with disabilities.

U.K.

CANINE PARTNERS – <http://www.caninepartners.co.uk> – Places trained dogs to individuals with disabilities.

DOGS FOR THE DISABLED – <http://www.dogsforthedisabled.org> – Trains and places service dogs to individuals with disabilities.

DOG AID – <http://www.dogaid.org.uk> – Provides access to dog training for people with physical disabilities to assist with specified tasks. Serves England, Wales.

GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND ASSOCIATION – <http://www.gdba.org.uk> – Trains and places service dogs to individuals who are blind or partially sighted. Serves the United Kingdom and Ireland.

HEARING DOGS FOR DEAF PEOPLE – <http://www.hearingdogs.org.uk> – Trains and places service dogs to individuals who are deaf.

WORLDWIDE

LEADER DOGS FOR THE BLIND – <http://www.leaderdog.org> – Trains and places service dogs to individuals who are blind or visually impaired.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

CALIFORNIA

ASSISTANCE DOG SPECIAL ALLOWANCE – <http://www.dss.cahwnet.gov/cdsseb/PG82.htm> - Provides a monthly payment of \$50 to eligible persons who use a guide, signal, or service dog. The allowance is to help pay the costs of food, grooming and health care for the dogs.

LEGAL

ASSISTANT ANIMAL ADVOCACY – <http://www.geocities.com/CapitolHill/7939> - An organization with the goal of eliminating discrimination on the basis of disability and being accompanied by an Assistance/Service animal.

IF YOU FIND A BROKEN OR INVALID LINK, OR IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADD A LINK, PLEASE CONTACT US.