

Types of Duo Dogs



Assistance Dog in Training

Assistance Dog

Facility Dog

Ambassador Dog

Touch Therapy Dog

Definition

A dog that is learning tasks for a handler with a disability or for a program that provides assistance dogs.

A dog trained in specific tasks that mitigate the handler's disability.

A dog trained in specific tasks to complement clinical and educational interventions in a contracted facility.

A dog trained in specific tasks to complement an employee well-being or related workgroup within a for profit facility. Ambassador Dog contracts include sponsorship agreements to “pay it forward” in funding support so additional nonprofit organizations or individuals can benefit from a Duo dog in the future.

A pet that is temperament tested and trained to provide support in a Duo-approved Touch facility with their volunteer owner-handler.

Access Rights

Public access varies by state. State laws may allow puppies in training to have the same access rights as fully trained assistance dogs.

Permitted with a trained and assigned handler in any public place.

No public access other than in the contracted facility.

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Training Required

Basic obedience training and socialization between the ages of 8 weeks -15 months.

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