



Helping Paws is an accredited member of Assistance Dogs International and abides by its standards in training service dogs.

THE DOG IN THE BLUE COAT



HELPING PAWS

Our core values

Helping Paws is committed to:

- Govern our actions with integrity and respect.
- Embrace education, flexibility and adaptability in our programs.
- Cultivate a spirit of teamwork to achieve our goals.
- Approach our mission with a view to the whole life of our dogs, with follow-up from birth to the end of service.
- Recognize and celebrate the passion and power of volunteers, providing opportunities for life enrichment.
- Uphold our organization and ourselves to the highest standards of excellence.

General information

If you would like to foster a puppy, volunteer, make a donation or learn more about Helping Paws, please contact us:

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“Will we take another dog to train? Absolutely! This is one of the most rewarding volunteer activities we’ve ever done.” [Helping Paws service dog foster family](#)

DEDICATION

At Helping Paws, Inc., our mission is to further the independence of individuals with physical disabilities through the use of service dogs.

The human/animal bond is the foundation of Helping Paws. We celebrate the mutually beneficial and dynamic relationship between people and animals, honoring the dignity and well being of all.

We are a volunteer-based, nonprofit organization founded in 1988. Our foster home volunteers are the core of Helping Paws. They take our puppies into their homes and hearts for two years, during which time they oversee their training and development into successful service dogs.

Any adult with a physical disability, other than sight or hearing impairments, may apply for a Helping Paws service dog. The dogs are then carefully matched with an approved applicant.

Although the cost equivalent for breeding, raising and training each dog is more than \$15,000, the dogs are provided to the applicants at no charge. (There is a minimal application fee and an equipment fee for the applicant.)

INDEPENDENCE & COMPANIONSHIP

Helping Paws service dogs promote self-sufficiency and empower people with physical disabilities. Careful training builds on the natural instincts of these specially selected dogs (Golden Retrievers and Labrador Retrievers), producing hard-working partners and loving companions.

Through special training to assist with daily living tasks, the Helping Paws service dogs promote confidence and renew self esteem, allowing many of our graduates to live more independent lives both at home and in public.

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SUPPORT

Helping Paws relies on the generous contributions of time, talents and resources of volunteers to change the lives of people with physical disabilities. You can support Helping Paws by:

- Fostering a puppy with the potential to be a service dog.
- Sponsoring a service dog in training.
- Volunteering in a variety of ways.
- Making a tax-deductible monetary or in-kind donation.
- Providing corporate sponsorship of the program.



To learn more about our program and how you can make a difference, please call Helping Paws at 952-988-9359 or visit www.helpingpaws.org. Thank you.