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ADUK Quick Guide to **ASSISTANCE DOGS**

Fact Sheet and Poster

Assistance Dogs UK (ADUK) is a coalition of non-profit assistance dog organisations that have been accredited by an international training and welfare standards body.





ADUK Member Trained Assistance Dogs

Assistance Dogs come in all shapes and sizes and support disabled people with a wide range of tasks and alerts.

Disabled people, including those who depend on an assistance dog, have the right to access businesses and services without discrimination, according to the Equality Act 2010 and the Disability Discrimination Act 1995 in Northern Ireland.

The Equality and Human Rights Commission outlines that you can expect an assistance dog:

- to be highly trained
- to sit or lie quietly next to their owner and not wander freely around the premises
- to be toilet trained and so be unlikely to foul in a public place
- to be instantly recognisable by the harness, bandana, lead slip, or identifying dog jacket they wear, although this is not a legal requirement.

Disabled people who are accompanied by an assistance dog may carry a yellow ADUK ID booklet, an ID card, or use an app that gives details of the dog and the charity that trained them, although this is not a legal requirement. Not all assistance dogs will have been trained by an ADUK member organisation or by a charity.

For more information and resources about assistance dogs and assistance dog users rights visit www.assistedogs.org.uk





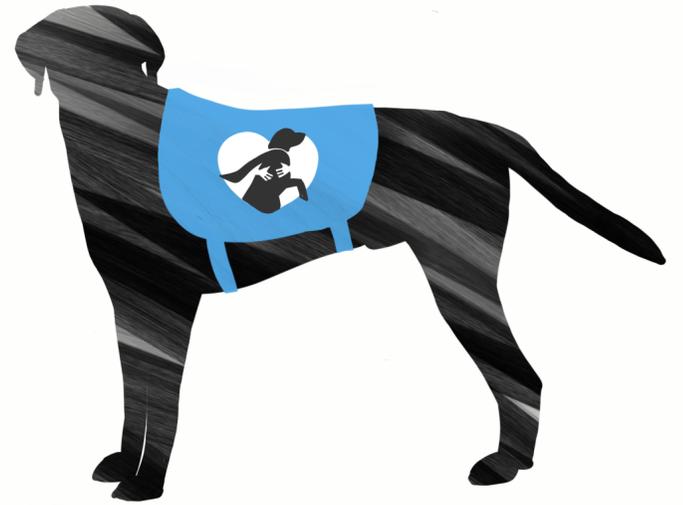
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Service Dogs UK



Hearing Dogs



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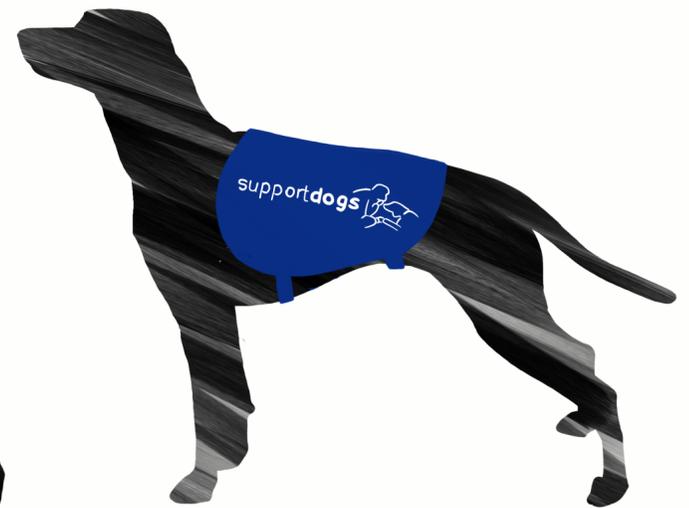
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Dogs For Good



Medical Detection Dogs



Support Dogs



Guide Dogs



Canine Partners



Seeing Dog Alliance

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