PAWSOME ASSISTANCE DOGS
REQUIREMENTS FOR ASSESSMENT FOR PUBLIC ACCESS TRAINING

PAD accepts inquiries from individuals seeking advice and mentoring in choosing the most appropriate do for their individual needs, both medically and in their whole of life environments. You can be pre-registered with PAD, to enable navigating Accommodation, Access and Inclusion preparations for Workplace and Educational Environment arrangements, for being accompanied by your AD

Initial Assessment of the Team, where the Handler is already in possession of a suitable dog, involves the following: -

1. There is a **demonstrated bond** between the Handler and the Dog: -
   a) There must be **no aggression** in the training or control of dog by the Handler.
   b) The dog shows a **developing/developed focus** on the Handler for directions and reinforcement of good behaviour, or indication of unacceptable behaviour.
   c) They are able to demonstrate both the Handler and Dog, are **safe and effective as a Team** in public.
2. The dog must be of good health, well being and physical ability, which will be verified by a Vet letter at the Application process.
3. Be able to demonstrate the Dog can be controlled by the Primary Handler, or if required, jointly by the Primary and Alternate Handler. The dog needs to be walking calmly and with focus on the Handler, not dragging the Handler, or lunging frequently or unprovoked at other dogs. The dog cannot be reactive. It must not be aggressive – growling, snarling, showing teeth, raising hackles, biting etc.
4. The dog must not show fear of the Handler, Public places or environments, people, children, or equipment.
5. The dog must **not show signs of Guarding** or be territorial towards the Handler, People, Possessions, Food. The exception being if the Dog is alerting or protecting the Handler during a medical episode.

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6. The Dog must respond to **basic commands** such as Sit, Stand, Down, Stay, Heel, and walk on a loose lead. It must be able to hold a sit/stay, or down/stay, for 5-10 seconds. The Dog must also be able to hold position, while the Handler walks a distance from it, and then for the dog to be recalled to the Handler. The dog is not off lead during this task. It is done with a long, dropped lead, approximately the length of two standard leads.
7. The Dog must be able to **be controlled by another unfamiliar person**. This is assessed by the Assessor taking the dog from the Handler and walking a distance away, waiting 5-10 seconds, and having the Handler recall the dog to them
8. As a Team in public, both Handler and Dog need to present with cleanliness, professionalism, moderated behaviour and etiquette around people and other dogs/animals.
9. The Dog must be **toilet trained**. The Handler must be able to either have the dog toilet on command, or be able to know the signs that the dog needs to be removed to an appropriate location for toileting
10. The Handler needs to train the dog for safe entry and exit of vehicles, buildings, or other environments, by following their guidance and commands.
11. Commands and control of the dog can be verbal, hand signals, or a combination of both. The words used for each task is at the Handler's discretion, the Handler needs to be able to demonstrate that the dog understands the expectation attached to the word or hand signal.
12. **Small dogs**, whilst being permitted to be carried in certain environments, must still be able to walk on a loose lead with attention on the Handler. Small dogs, being carried in strollers, carriers or trolleys, must still be able to pass all the assessment requirements, but additionally, they must be able to show they can be controlled and work from the location of the pram, trolley, carrier etc, to support the Handler's needs. Small dogs may be lifted in and out of vehicles, but must still display control and obedience.

These are the basic requirements for initial **Public Access Training Assessment (PAST)**
The Team will be assessed via the following items, and must display the current ability, or potential to achieve, these standards during the Training Phase with consistent improvement, and proof of the Handler's commitment to achieve full standards ASAP

ASSESSMENT BY ITEMS

ITEM	KEY ACTIVITY	BREAK DOWN
ITEM 1	**Controlled load/unload public/private transport**	Waits/is under control/ignores other dogs &people/use lift, escalator, or travelator if possible
ITEM2	**Approaching a Building**	Calm/Heeled/Stopped with Handler
ITEM 3	**Controlled Entry/Exit from Building**	Waits for command to enter/exit/ returns to heel
ITEM 4	**Buildings - Heeling/not using furniture**	Heels/focused/nonobtrusive/manoeuvres/under control
ITEM 5	**Sits on Command**	Prompt response/ignores trolleys etc/holds position
ITEM 6	**Downs on Command**	Prompt response/ignores trolleys etc/holds position
ITEM 7	**Noise Distraction**	No fear/aggression/or ongoing distraction/startle is acceptable

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ITEM 8	**Restaurant**	Unobtrusive/out of passage ways/ignores food service/ignores people/quiet
ITEM 9	**Food Leave**	Ignores food/ is not distracted by food/holds position when food is dropped
ITEM 10	**2 metre Recall**	Controlled/focused/holds position/returns quickly to Handler
ITEM 11	**Drop Lead & Retrieve**	Handler can drop and retrieve lead whole dog holds position
ITEM 12	**Interactions with Strangers**	Can be taken by a stranger/patted by a child/ignores other dogs/nonaggressive or fearful
ITEM 13	**Team Relationship**	Controlled/Responsive/Correct Equipment/positive reinforcement/friendly & confident

Prior to this, in the interview assessment phase, the Assessor will be looking to see a commitment to training, relevant to the age and breed of the dog, and the potential of the Team to be an Assistance Dog Handler Team.

A Team cannot remain at **PAST level beyond 12 months** except under exceptional circumstances.
The next level of accreditation, (**PASA PUBLIC ACCESS STANDARD ASSESS)** is probationary for a minimum of 12 months, before a Team can request to be assessed for three year certification.

To transition from **PASA to PASC (PUBLIC ACCESS STANDARDS CERTIFIED)** the dog must be able hold position – **PASA -20 seconds moving to PASC -30 seconds.**
In the PASA assessment, the Team will be assessed in one familiar, and one unfamiliar environment.
In the PASC assessment, the Team will be assessed in three separate unfamiliar environments.

The full public access assessment, requires the Team to be able to meet the following Standards.

ASSESSMENT BY ITEMS

The Items are described in detail in the Public Access Standards document and are listed here simply as a overview of future requirements

ITEM 1 HANDLER PRESENCE
ITEM 2 HANDLER AWARENESS

ITEM 3 ASSISTANCE DOG ROLE
ITEM 4 IDENTIFIABLE TASKS

ITEM 5 PUBLIC PROFESSIONALISM
ITEM 6 EQUIPMENT

ITEM 7 COMMANDS

ITEM 8 SIT/DROP/STAY/IGNORE

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ITEM 9 **CONTROLLED LOAD/UNLOAD OF A VEHCILE**

ITEM 10 **APPROACHING A BUILDING**

ITEM 11 **CONTROLLED ENTRY/EXIT BUILDING**

ITEM 12 **MOVING THROUGH BUILDINGS**

ITEM 13 **SITS ON COMMAND**
ITEM 14 **DOWNS ON COMMAND**

ITEM 15 **DISTRACTIONS**

ITEM 16 **RESTAURANT**

ITEM 17 **FOOD REFUSAL**

ITEM 18 **3 METRE RECALL**

ITEM 19 **DROP LEAD AND RETRIEVE**

ITEM 20 **INTERACTIONS WITH STRANGERS**

ITEM 21 **WORKING COMMANDS**

ITEM 22 **BARKING/TASKING**

ITEM 23 **WALK BESIDE A SHOPPING TROLEEY/WHEEL CHAIR**

ITEM 24 **PROOFED IN MULTIPLE PUBLIC ACCESS ENVIRONMENTS**

ITEM 25 **TEAM RELATIONSHIP**

ITEM 26 **COMPLIANCE**

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