



Service Animals

Websites

Helping Hands (Monkey Helpers for the Disabled)

<http://www.helpinghandsmonkeys.org/>

A national nonprofit serving quadriplegic and other people with severe spinal cord injuries or mobility-impairments by providing highly trained monkeys to assist with daily activities. As live-in companions, our monkey helpers provide 20-30 years of service, bringing the gifts of independence, companionship, dignity and hope to the people they help.

United States Service Dog Registry

www.usservicedogregistry.org

Service Dog Census Project

<http://www.censusproject.org/>

The Service Dog Census Project is a nationwide, independently driven count of Service Dogs and their owners.

Canine Companions for Independence

www.cci.org

P.O. Box 446

Santa Rosa, CA 95402-0446

Canine Companions for Independence is a national nonprofit organization that enhances the lives of children and adults with disabilities by providing highly-trained assistance dogs and ongoing support to ensure quality partnerships.

Service Dog Training School and Associations Directory by State

<http://www.wolfpacks.com/serviced.htm#c>

Includes areas served and the specific disabilities the dogs are trained to help.

Assistance Dogs International

<http://www.adionline.org/>

A coalition of not for profit organizations that train and place assistance dogs. The purpose of ADI is to improve the areas of training, placement, and utilization of

Assistance Dogs as well as staff and volunteer education.

International Association of Assistance Dog Partners

<http://www.iaadp.org>

Top Dog, Inc.

www.topdogusa.org

Offers assistance in training your own dog to be a service dog. They sell a book and video on the topic also.

Guide Dog Foundation's Vet Dogs program

www.VetDogs.org

Provides service dogs to disabled veterans

Owner Trained Assistance Dogs

<http://sdog.danawheels.net/maillist.shtml>

An email discussion list for those who train their own assistance dogs.

Island Dolphin Care

<http://www.islanddolphinscare.org/>

Allows children to swim and play with dolphins.

Dolphin Research Center

www.dolphins.org

http://www.dolphins.org/visit_special_needs.php

The Special Needs Pathways Program is an individualized program designed for children and adults with special needs. Sessions are designed to help assist the individual work towards personal goals established by family and DRC staff. Entering into the dolphin's world, educational and recreational activities are introduced to help increase motivation and enhance the personalized experience. Participants may learn to feel more positively about themselves in an environment that promotes fun, play and learning, which provides them with the opportunity to bridge that experience back into their personal lives. Most of all, they are able to have a fun-filled time away from the stress of medical, physical, or emotional concerns.

Financial assistance for getting a service dog:

Assistance Dog United Campaign

<http://www.assistancedogunitedcampaign.org/>

The Pet Fund

<http://www.thepetfund.com/financial.htm>

The following books and videos are available for free loan from the PRC library. For more information, please see www.paralysis.org and click the Lending Library tab.

Books

- **Assistance Dog International's Guide to Assistance Dog Laws.** ADI, 2005. First edition. Copy can be downloaded for free or a print version may be purchased. Covers laws in USA, Australia, Japan, Canada, New Zealand and the UK.
<http://www.assistancedogsinternational.org/guidetodoglaws.php>
- Clark, John Thomas. **The Joy of Lex: Life with a Service Dog.** Scarsdale, NY: Black Lab Books, 2008. A portion of the proceeds from the sale of this book goes to Canine Companions for Independence. Poems about his service dog Lex.
- Creel, Ann Howard. **Nicki.** Middleton, WI: Pleasant Co., 2007. American Girl book.
- Dibsie, Patricia. **Love Heels: Tales from Canine Companions for Independence.** New York, NY: Yorkville Press, 2003. Stories of actual service dogs.
- Duden, Jane. **Helping Paws Service Dogs.** Logan, IA: Perfection Learning Corp., 1998.
- Duncan, Susan. **Joey Moses.** Seattle, WA: Storytellers Ink, 1997. Teen fiction, based on actual service-dog team.
- Eames, Ed and Toni. **Partners in Independence: A Success Story of Dogs and the Disabled.** Mechanicsburg, Penn.: Barkleigh Productions, 2004. 2nd ed.
- Haldane, Suzanne. **Helping Hands: How Monkeys Assist People Who are Disabled.** New York, NY: Dutton Children's Books, 1991. Children's book.
- Kent, Deborah. **Animal Helpers for the Disabled.** New York, NY: Watts Library, 2003. Children's book
- Luke, Melinda. **Helping Paws: Dogs that Serve.** New York, NY: Scholastic Inc., 2001. Children's book

- McDaniel, Melissa. **Guide Dogs**. New York: Bearport Publishing Co., 2005. (Dog Heroes series)
- Miller, Marie-Therese. **Helping Dogs**. New York: Chelsea Clubhouse, 2007. (Dog Tales: True Stories About Amazing Dogs series).
- Murray, Julie. **Service Animals**. ABDO Publishing Company, 2009. (Going To Work series)
- Newton, Judith M. **Nito Meets Chloe!: The Continuing Tale of an Assistance Dog of the West**. Santa Fe: Sunstone Press, 2007. Children's book.
- Nordensson, Stewart and Lydia Kelley. **Teamwork: A Dog Training Manual for People with Disabilities**. Book One: Basic Obedience. Tucson, AZ: Top Dog Publications, 1997. Book on training your own dog to be a service dog.
- Nordensson, Stewart and Lydia Kelley. **Teamwork II: A Dog Training Manual for People with Disabilities**. Book Two: Service Exercises. Tucson, AZ: Top Dog Publications, 1998. Book on training your own dog to be a service dog.
- Oliver, Clare. **Animals That Help Us: Animals Helping with Special Needs**. New York, NY: Franklin Watts, 1999. Children's book
- Osofsky, Audrey. **My Buddy**. New York, NY: Henry Hold and Company, 1992. Children's fiction.
- Pearson, Betty Jean. **Learn with LaDee: A Service Dog**. Baltimore: PublishAmerica, 2008. Children's book
- Presnall, Judith Janda. **Capuchin Monkey Aides**. New York, NY: Thomson Gale, 2003. Children's book
- Presnall, Judith Janda. **Canine Companions**. New York, NY: Thomson Gale, 2004. Children's book
- Ring, Elizabeth. **Assistance Dogs**. Brookfield, CT: The Millburn Press, 1993. Children's book
- Smith, Elizabeth Simpson. **A Service Dog Goes to School: The Story of a Dog Trained to Help the Disabled**. New York, NY: Morrow Junior Books, 1988. Children's book

- Tada, Joni Eareckson. **Darcy's Dog Dilemma**. Elgin, IL: Chariot Books, 1994. Children's fiction.
- Tagliaferro, Linda. **Service Dogs**. New York, NY: Bearport Publishing Company, Inc., 2005. Dog Heroes series.
- Tuohy, Tom. **Kiss of a Dolphin**. Richton Park, Ill.: Lumen-us Publications, 2006. Vignettes about Dreams for Kids, a foundation that helps children participate in sports and recreation. One of the stories is about a spinal cord injured young man who swims with dolphins.

Videos

Dolphin Therapy: Unique interactions that Have Life-Changing Effects on Children with Disabilities. Sherborn, MA: Aquarius Health Care Videos, 2004. 30 Minutes.

Teamwork: A Dog Training Video for People with Disabilities. Basic Obedience. Based on the book by Stewart Nordensson and Lydia Kelley. Tucson, AZ: Top Dog Productions, 2003. www.topdogusa.org

Teamwork II: A Dog Training Video for People with Disabilities. Service Exercises. Based on the book by Stewart Nordensson and Lydia Kelley. Tucson, AZ: Top Dog Productions, 2003 <http://www.topdogusa.org/>

Through a Dog's Eyes: Service Dogs and the People Whose Lives They've Changed. Twin Cities Public Television, 2010. Distributed by PBS. DVD. 60 minutes.

Christopher and Dana Reeve Paralysis Resource Center's streaming video on Service Dogs (click See All Videos in right upper corner)
http://www.christopherreeve.org/site/c.mtKZKgMWKwG/b.4451921/k.2951/Paralysis_Resource_Center_Home.htm

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