More Than Man's Best Friend

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What is a service dog?

- A service dog is outlined in the ADA as, “a piece of medical equipment used to mitigate a disability”
- Typically takes 1-3 years to train
What laws protect a service dog??

- **ADA**
  - The ADA allows a person with a disability to take a dog into public places (meaning anywhere the general public is allowed)
  - There is no legal documentation

- **White Cane Law (service dogs in training)**
  - Gives the handler of a service dog in training the same rights as a person with a disability, to bring their dog anywhere the general public is allowed
  - Illinois and Iowa
Other Types of Working Dogs

- **Facility dog**: Dog is trained to work in one facility and is not allowed to go anywhere in public, besides that facility. Often works with multiple people.

- **Emotional Support Animal**: Dog is allowed in no pet housing and on airplanes, with a doctor’s note. Animal is NOT ALLOWED ANYWHERE BESIDES THE OWNERS RESIDENCE.

- **Therapy Dog**: Well trained pet, occasionally invited to events in schools, nursing homes, or other similar venues.
What is Viking Pups?

Viking Pups is formed in partnership with Deafinitely Dogs!. Deafinitely Dogs! is a non-profit organization that enriches the lives of people with disabilities by placing highly trained dogs, trained specifically for their individual needs. We strive for increased independence for our clients and believe strongly in the dog/human bond. Viking Pups is primarily responsible for the raising and training of service and facility dogs under Deafinitely Dogs! supervision while following training protocol. As sister organizations, we are intrinsically linked through the dogs, our fundraising efforts, and public outreach and education.
Client Testimonials

- Maddy
- Axel
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