ASSISTANCE DOGS
(Guide, Signal and Service Dogs)

Assistance animals are individually trained to perform tasks for people with disabilities, such as: guiding people who are blind (guide dogs), alerting people who are deaf (signal dogs) and alerting people who have seizures, etc. (service dogs). Under the Americans with Disabilities Act, businesses and organizations that serve the public must allow people with disabilities to bring their assistance animals into all areas of public facilities. Businesses may ask if the animal is an assistance animal or what task it performs, but cannot require special identification cards for the animal or ask about the person’s disability. Listed below are a number of schools and organizations that may help in locating appropriately trained assistance dogs.

ASSISTANCE DOG SPECIAL ALLOWANCE PROGRAM (ADSA)
California Department of Social Services
744 P Street, MS 8-16-94
Sacramento, CA 95814
(916) 657-2628 (Voice)
(916) 657-6248 (TTY)
Website: www.cdss.ca.gov/cdssweb/pg82.htm
The ADSA program provides a monthly payment to eligible persons who use a guide, signal, or service dog to help with needs related to their disabilities. The allowance is to help pay the cost of food, grooming and health care for the dog.

ASSISTANCE DOGS INTERNATIONAL
Website: www.assistancedoginternational.org
Assistance Dogs International, Inc. is a coalition of not for profit organizations that trains and places assistance dogs. The types of dogs trained are service dogs.

BERGIN UNIVERSITY OF CANINE STUDIES
Assistance Dog Institute
5860 Labath Avenue
Rohnert Park, CA 94928
(707) 545-3647 or (707) 545-DOGS
Website: berginu.org/
E-mail: info@berginu.edu
Dr. Bonita Bergin invented the concept of the Service Dog to assist people with mobility impairments in 1975. The university pursues its mission of "advancing the human-canine partnership through research and education.” This is the only university offering Master of Science and Associate of Science degrees in dog studies. The types of dogs trained are service dogs.
The Board licenses and regulates schools and persons in California that train and supply guide dogs for the blind. The Board also oversees fundraising practices.

CANINE COMPANIONS FOR INDEPENDENCE
P.O. Box 446
Santa Rosa, CA 95402
(800) 572-2275
(866) 224-3647 (National Headquarters)
Website: www.cci.org

Northwest Regional Center
2965 Dutton Avenue
Santa Rosa, CA 95407
(800) 572-2275
(707) 577-1700
(707) 577-1756 (TTY)

Southwest Regional Center
P.O. Box 4568
Oceanside, CA 92052
(800) 572-2275
(760) 901-4300
(760) 901-4326 (TTY)

Canine Companions for Independence is a national nonprofit organization that enhances the lives of people with disabilities by providing highly-trained assistance and hearing dogs and ongoing support to ensure quality partnerships. The types of dogs trained are service and hearing dogs.

CANINE SUPPORT TEAMS
Carol Roquemore
P.O. Box 891767
Temecula, CA 92859-1767
(951) 301-3625
Website: www.caninesupportteams.org/
E-mail: HQ@CanineSupportTeams.org
The types of dogs trained are service dogs.
DISCOVERY DOGS
Shari Dehouwer
P.O. Box 582
Roseville, CA  95661
(916) 295-1828
Website:  www.discoverydogs.org/
E-mail: info@DiscoveryDogs.org
Discovery Dogs trains hearing and service dogs for individuals.

DOGS FOR THE DEAF
10175 Wheeler Road
Central Point, OR  97502
(541) 826-9220 (Voice/TTY)
(800) 990-3647
Website:  www.dogsforthedeaf.org
E-mail: info@dogsforthedeaf.org
Dogs for the Deaf provides small to medium sized animals which are chosen from adoption shelters to provide services to persons who are deaf.

EYE DOG FOUNDATION FOR THE BLIND, INC.
P.O. Box 519
Claremont, CA  91711
(800) 393-3641
Website:  www.eyedogfoundation.org
Eye Dog Foundation for the Blind trains guide dogs for individuals.

GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND, INC.
P.O. Box 151200
San Rafael, CA  94915
(415) 499-4000 (California Campus)
(800) 295-4050
Website:  www.guidedogs.com
E-mail: information@guidedogs.com
Guide Dogs for the Blind is a nonprofit, charitable organization with a mission to provide guide dogs and training in their use to visually impaired people throughout the United States and Canada.

GUIDE DOGS OF AMERICA
13445 Glenoaks Boulevard
Sylmar, CA  91342
(818) 362-5834
Website:  www.guidedogsofamerica.org
Email: mail@guidedogsofamerica.org
The mission of Guide Dogs of America is to provide guide dogs and instruction in their use, free of charge, to blind and visually impaired men and women from the United States and Canada.
GUIDE DOGS OF THE DESERT
P.O. Box 1692
Palm Springs, CA 92263
(760) 329-6257
Website: www.guidedogsofthedesert.org
E-mail: info@gddca.org
Guide Dogs of the Desert train guide dogs for individuals.

INTERNATIONAL HEARING DOG, INC.
5901 East 89th Avenue
Henderson, CO 80640
(303) 287-3277 (Voice/TTY)
Website: www.ihdi.org
Email: info@hearingdog.org
International Hearing Dog, Inc. has trained more than 1,000 hearing dogs since 1979 for persons who are deaf or hard-of-hearing. All of the dogs selected for this special training come from local animal shelters. This organization also trains dogs to assist deaf/blind individuals (in the home only) by guiding them slowly to the source of the sound.

LEASHES FOR LIVING ASSISTANCE DOG SCHOOL, LLC™
P.O. Box 146
Tonopah, AZ 85354
(623) 393-8481
Website: leashesforliving.com
E-mail: info@leashesforliving.com
Leashes for Living Assistance Dog School trains service dogs for individuals.

PAWS WITH A CAUSE
4646 South Division Street
Wayland, MI 49348
(800) 253-7297 (Voice)
Website: www.pawswithacause.org
Paws With A Cause trains assistance dogs nationally for people with disabilities and provides lifetime support which encourages independence.

PAWS'ITIVE TEAMS
(Services limited to San Diego County)
7031 Carroll Road
San Diego, CA 92121
(858) 558-7297
Website: www.pawsteams.org
E-mail: paws@pawsteams.org
Paws’itive teams train service dogs for individuals in the San Diego county area.
PRO-TRAIN
1544 Avohill Road
Vista, CA  92084
(760) 749-7154
(877) 223-3647 (Toll Free)
Website:  www.protraindog.com/
E-mail:  protraindog@gmail.com
The Pro-Train organization trains service, hearing and guide dogs for individuals.

TENDER LOVING CANINES ASSISTANCE DOGS, INC. (TLCAD)
(Services limited to San Diego County)
P.O. Box 1244
Solana Beach, CA  92075
(800) 385-1282
(858) 461-6827
Website:  tenderlovingcanines.org
Email:  info@tlcad.org
Tender Loving Canines Assistance Dogs trains service dogs for individuals in the San Diego county area.

THE SAM SIMON FOUNDATION
30765 Pacific Coast Highway #113
Malibu, CA  90265
(310) 457-5898 (Voice/TTY)
(310) 457-9312 (Fax)
Website:  www.samsimonfoundation.com
Email:  info@samsimonfoundation.org
The Sam Simon Foundation places Hearing Dogs throughout California.