



Dogs That Help

Part 1

Teacher Reads Service animals are dogs trained to work and do tasks for people with disabilities. These dogs work every day to support people with specific needs.

The term **service dog** is used for a dog that is
11 trained to do jobs for people. Service dogs help people.
21 A service dog may be trained to lead people who are
32 **blind**. Dogs can be trained to help people who are **deaf**
43 by letting them **know** if people are there. Dogs may be
54 trained to help people who have a hard time standing.
64 Dogs can get things for people.

Part 2

Teacher Reads The breed or kind of dog picked to be a service dog depends on what the dog's job will be. Certain breeds have proven very good at helping people in certain ways.

70 Bigger, stronger breeds are perfect for leading
77 people and for helping people who have a hard time
87 standing and **moving**. Some breeds may be better
95 at helping people in **wheelchairs**. Dogs can get
103 things like bags and slippers for people, flip
111 lights on and off, and do lots of tasks like this.
122 Some service dogs help people shop by getting
130 things off shelves. When they get home,
137 dogs can help take socks off!



Part 3

Teacher Reads After the job is determined and the dog breed picked, training begins.

143 Training for service dogs starts like all dog training.
152 When the dogs are pups, they are trained to sit,
162 stay, and come. They spend time with people and
171 full-grown dogs. The next part of the training is based
182 on the dog's job and how the dog will help.

192 Dogs that will lead people who are blind are trained
202 to look for **danger** and swerve from harm to keep the
213 person safe. They are trained to stop if they see things
224 that could harm the person. Dogs that will help people
234 who have a hard time moving are trained to pick up
245 things that drop. They are trained to know the names
255 of things they will need to get and bring to people.

266 No matter what the need, all service dogs are
275 trained to keep the people they serve safe. [Learn More](#)
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