

How To SPOT A True Assistance Dog



When untrained pets pose as Assistance Dogs and behave badly, it gives true Assistance Dogs a bad rap. Help support our mission by learning the difference between true Assistance Dogs and "Impawster" dogs!



WHAT

CAN ASSISTANCE DOGS DO?

ASSISTANCE DOGS OFFER COUNTLESS SERVICES TO THEIR HUMAN PARTNERS. SOME CAN OPEN DOORS, ALERT THEIR PERSON TO SOUNDS, OR CARRY ITEMS IN THEIR MOUTH. ASSISTANCE DOGS HAVE PUBLIC ACCESS RIGHTS TO GO ANYWHERE THEIR PERSON CAN GO.

HOW

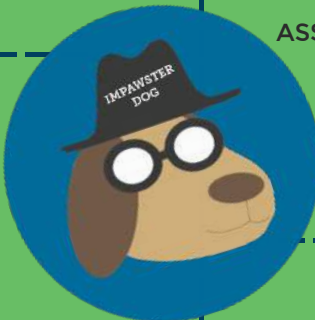


CAN YOU SPOT A TRUE ASSISTANCE DOG?

"THERAPY" & "EMOTIONAL ASSISTANCE" DOGS ARE NOT TRUE ASSISTANCE DOGS. TRUE ASSISTANCE DOGS ARE LIFELONG WORKERS, AND SPECIALLY TRAINED TO BEHAVE WELL IN PUBLIC. YOU'LL FIND ASSISTANCE DOGS:

- LAYING QUIETLY UNDER TABLES IN RESTAURANTS
- WALKING NEXT TO THEIR PERSON
- NOT BARKING OR WHINING AT OTHER DOGS OR PEOPLE

WHERE



ARE 'IMPAWSTER' DOGS PERMITTED?

WHILE TRUE ASSISTANCE DOGS (AND THOSE IN TRAINING) LEGALLY HAVE THE RIGHT TO GO ANYWHERE THEIR PERSON WITH A DISABILITY CAN GO, "IMPAWSTER" DOGS DO NOT HAVE THE SAME TRAINING ASSISTANCE DOGS DO, AND THEREFORE DO NOT HAVE SPECIAL ACCESS RIGHTS.



WHEN



SHOULD YOU ASK A PERSON TO REMOVE THEIR ANIMAL?

IF THE ANIMAL IS BARKING OR MISBEHAVING REPEATEDLY, OR IF THE ANIMAL POSES A DIRECT THREAT TO THE HEALTH OR SAFETY OF OTHERS.

WHAT CAN YOU ASK A DOG OWNER?

1. "IS THE DOG A SERVICE ANIMAL?"
2. "WHAT TYPE OF WORK OR TASK HAS YOUR DOG BEEN TRAINED TO DO?"

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