

## **Minimum Standards for Graduates with Assistance Dogs**

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Graduates with assistance dogs will agree to the following graduate responsibilities:

1. Treat the dog with appreciation and respect.
2. Practise obedience regularly.
3. Practise the dog's specific tasks regularly.
4. Maintain the dog's proper behaviour in public and at home.
5. Carry proper identification and be aware of all applicable laws pertaining to assistance dogs.
6. Keep the dog well groomed and well cared for.
7. Practise preventative health care for the dog.
8. Obtain annual health checks and vaccinations for the dog.
9. Abide by all leash and licence laws.
10. Follow the training programme's requirements for progress reports and medical evaluations.
11. Arrange for the prompt clean up of dog's waste, whenever possible, taking into account the nature of their disability.
12. Educate their support system regarding the member organisation's procedures in the event of emergency illness or death of their assistance dog.