



The Four Types of Dogs

Service Dogs assist adults with physical disabilities by performing daily tasks.

cci.org/servicedogs

Hearing Dogs alert the deaf and hard of hearing to important sounds.

cci.org/hearingdogs

Skilled Companion Dogs enhance independence for adults with cognitive disabilities.

cci.org/skilledcompaniondogs

Facility Dogs work with a professional in a visitation, education or healthcare setting.

cci.org/facilitydogs

All Canine Companions assistance dogs go through an intensive training process where they learn to master more than forty commands, such as:

- Retrieve dropped or out of reach items
- Open and close doors and drawers
- Pull a lightweight manual wheelchair
- Turn lights on and off
- Alert the hard of hearing to environmental sounds
- Show partners the source of the sounds

Dogs and people are matched to form a team, and together they attend a two-week training program at one of five training centers where they learn how to work together.



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Wounded Veterans Initiative



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One Team. Two Heroes.

Unwavering discipline.
Steadfast loyalty.
Elite training...
and a cold wet nose.

Canine Companions for Independence® assistance dogs can help with everything from turning on lights to getting cash from an ATM. But they also provide something no physical therapy or treatment can match: constant companionship and a battle buddy.

Now through our **Wounded Veterans Initiative**, Canine Companions provides assistance dogs to veterans with physical disabilities resulting from military service. If you are a disabled veteran who meets the eligibility requirements, contact Canine Companions today.

For 35 years, Canine Companions for Independence has enhanced the lives of people with disabilities by providing them with highly trained assistance dogs and ongoing support — **all free of charge.**



Who Is Eligible?

Veterans eligible for a **Service or Hearing Dog**:

- Physical disability resulting from military service.
- Full or partial use of upper body.
- Good cognitive ability and clear speech.
- Adjusted to life with a disability and at least one year post-rehabilitation.
- Stable home life to provide for a dog's basic needs.
- Requires a dog to perform tasks to mitigate the effects of a physical disability (picking up items, pulling a wheelchair or altering to household sounds).

Veterans eligible for a **Skilled Companion**:

- Designate a facilitator, usually a spouse or family member, who is an adult member of the household, to assist with training, dog handling, dog care and well being.

Therapy professionals eligible for a **Facility Dog**:

- Work directly with veterans.
- Obtain approval for the use of a facility dog from your employer.
- Stable home life to provide for a dog's basic needs.

"I retired from the military and got a new battle buddy, my assistance dog Sharif."

—IRAQ WAR VETERAN JEFFREY ADAMS (LEFT) AND CANINE COMPANIONS SERVICE DOG SHARIF, U.S. ARMY

"Having an assistance dog is kind of like having a battle buddy. You can help each other, rely on each other."

—IRAQ WAR VETERAN NICO MARCOLOGNO AND CANINE COMPANIONS FACILITY DOG TALI, U.S. MARINE CORP (FRONT, RIGHT)



"Satine is a true soldier's soldier! She has given me back hope, motivation, responsibility, pride and self-confidence."

—LANCE WEIR AND CANINE COMPANIONS SERVICE DOG SATINE, U.S. MARINE CORP (BELOW)

