




The Ability Center

Are You Next?

Discover the impact of our assistance dogs – service and therapy dogs increase independence for people living with disabilities. Dogs are trained specifically to master skills you need most from picking up dropped items, grabbing laundry, or being a comforting partner. Scan the code below to tell us what you're looking for in a canine companion and start your journey to independence.



Scan this code to visit
abilitycenter.org/assistance-dogs 
or call **419-885-5733**





SERVICE DOGS are trained to assist people with disabilities in living more independently. Expert trainers work one on one to focus on tasks their future partner needs the most. Service dogs have public access rights to provide service in the home or out in the community.

- Activate access buttons and switches
- Carry items
- Open doors, cupboards, refrigerators, etc.
- Pick up dropped items
- Provide counter balance while walking
- Retrieve phones
- Tug off clothing



PERSONAL THERAPY DOGS provide support and companionship to children and adults with developmental disabilities. They meet therapeutic goals including improving speech, coordination, and social skills.



SCHOOL FACILITY DOGS comfort students in counseling settings, help improve student motivation and social skills, and even provide an audience to encourage students to read. They meet therapeutic goals including improving speech, coordination, and social skills. School facility dogs are treated as a member of the faculty and create a sense of family in the school environment.