

INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

Healing Companions: Ordinary Dogs and Their Extraordinary Power to Transform Lives

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- What is a service dog?
- Do I have to be disabled to get a service dog?
- Can my service dog go everywhere with me?
- Where can I get a Psychiatric Service Dog (PSD)?
- Does my dog have to be purebred, a certain size, etc.?
- Does my dog have to start training as a puppy?
- What do I need to look for in the dog when choosing one?
- Where do I find a trainer?
- How do I find out if the trainer is qualified?
- What kind of dog is best suited for PSD work?
- How will my PSD mitigate the effects of my disability?
- What are some tasks that my dog can be trained to do?
- Are there places to go for financial assistance?

- What do I need to consider for the costs?
- How do I choose a Veterinarian?
- What does the training process entail?
- How do I introduce my PSD to family members, children, friends, and other animals in my home?
- What are the pros and cons of PSDs?
- What if people ask me about my PSD when I'm out in public?
- What are the signs of stress for me to watch for in my PSD?