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What You Likely Don't Know About Service Animals, but Should Analysis by Dr. Karen Shaw Becker

Service dogs provide invaluable support to their owners, alerting them to potentially life-threatening medical problems or offering psychiatric or visual support. While most people will never experience the close bond that exists between service dogs and their owners, most everyone will cross paths with a service dog at some point in their lives. Despite their prevalence you're likely to spot one sooner or later, since service dogs are allowed to accompany their owners virtually everywhere many misconceptions persist about these generous animals. This is partly because service dogs look like any other dog, which leads some to believe they should be treated like any other dog which isn't the case if the dog is working. Also problematic, the U.S. has no centralized process that allows people with disabilities to register service dogs, which means, even though service dogs are afforded special rights, there's a lot of grey area when it comes to how those rights are protected, for both the dogs and their owners.

Clearing up common misconceptions is an important part of ensuring that service dogs and their owners get the respect and protections they deserve. Service Dogs Are Not the Same as Emotional Support Animals

The Americans with Disabilities Act 1990 (ADA) defines a service animal as, Any dog that is individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability, including a physical, sensory, psychiatric, in-

tellectual or other mental disability. Other species of animals, whether wild or domestic, trained or untrained, are not service animals for the purposes of this definition.

Miniature horses have been added as an exception, however, provided they are housebroken, under the handler's control, can be accommodated by the facility and will not compromise safety regulations.

On the other hand, emotional support animals (ESAs), according to the Fair Housing Act and Air Carrier Access Act (ACAA), can be any species of animal, who must fulfill a disability-related need and whose use is supported by a physician, psychiatrist or mental health professional. ESAs do not have to be trained to perform a particular task and do not qualify as service animals under the ADA. Service Dogs Are Not Only for the Visually Impaired

Guide dogs for the visually impaired are just one type of service dog. Service dogs can be trained to help people with physical or mental difficulties, including post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). If a veteran is experiencing anxiety or stress due to PTSD, for instance, a service dog can be trained to notice the signs and step in to provide calm and comfort.

They may wake a veteran up from nightmares and are also taught specific commands, including block, in which the dog stands in front of the veteran to provide for more personal space, and cover, in which the dog goes behind the veteran to watch their back. Other examples of tasks that service animals may perform include:

Assisting individuals who are blind or have low vision with navigation and other tasks

Alerting individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing to the presence of people or sounds

Providing non-violent protection or rescue work

Pulling a wheelchair

Assisting an individual during a seizure
Alerting individuals to the presence of allergens

Retrieving items such as medicine or the telephone

Providing physical support and assistance with balance and stability to individuals

with mobility disabilities
Helping people with psychiatric and neurological disabilities by preventing or interrupting impulsive or destructive behaviors

Not All Service Dogs Are Professionally Trained

Service dogs do not require professional training and there are no required ADA certifications for service animals. While most service dogs come from reputable trainers or organizations that specialize in training service dogs, according to the ADA, People with disabilities have the right to train the dog themselves and are not required to use a professional service dog training program.

That being said, many service dogs undergo about two years of training before they're ready and will continue to learn and adapt to their owner's changing needs over time. There are also misconceptions about what type of dog can be a service dog; according to the ADA, any dog breed can be a service animal.

In choosing a service dog, personality is often more important than breed; dogs who are fearful or aggressive are not well suited to be service dogs.

Can Service Dogs Ever Be Denied Access?

People with disabilities are allowed to bring their service animals to all public facilities and private businesses. The owners of a business may ask two questions to determine if the animal is a service animal and only if the need for the service animal isn't obvious (such as a dog guiding someone who is blind. Those questions are:

Is this animal required because of a disability?

What work or task has this animal been trained to perform?

Beyond this, no further questioning or proof is needed. As noted by the ADA, A public entity or private business may not ask about the nature or extent of an individual's disability or require

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documentation, such as proof that the animal has been certified, trained or licensed as a service animal, or require the animal to wear an identifying vest. Generally, service animals are allowed to go where their owners go, but there are a few exceptions in which a business can ask for a service animal to be removed, including if the animal is out of control or not housebroken. A service animal may also be denied access if its presence interferes with legitimate safety requirements, such as a hospital unit that must maintain a sterile environment.

Should You Pet a Service Dog?

One important point to remember is that certain rules of etiquette apply when it comes to interacting with service dogs and their handlers. Generally speaking, don't interact with them at all; let the dog and the owner go about their business uninterrupted. Service dogs should not be approached, talked to or touched unless permission is asked for and granted by the dog's handler, but take no offense if the handler asks you not to interact with the dog. Doing so could distract him from his important role, which is to look out for the health and safety of his owner.

Ed.s Note. For about 7 years, I had a Standard Schnauzer as my service Dog. When I would walk into a store that I frequented, people would say... Molly is here! Right! They might not know my name, but they certainly knew hers. She watched over me...knew when I was going to be dizzy (ahead of time) and knew when my pain level increased. At 15, she finds it difficult to get in and out of the car. She is now retired. One of my Miniature Schnauzer has taken over. Barnum is doing an excellent job. When we are out, he is extremely focused on me...as he should be. However, because he is small, people forget that he is working.



The Pros and Cons of Dog Parks

Dog park benefits include providing a place to run and play off-leash - an outlet for your dog's overabundant energy. Dog parks can also be places where dogs get to practice undesirable social behavior and develop bad etiquette.

By Pat Miller, CBCC-KA, CPDT-KA

In recent years, more and more dog training and behavior professionals are speaking out against dog parks - yes, those safely fenced, community-funded spaces where dogs and their humans can get together and have a good time. What's not to like?

If you ask almost any trainer, she will likely say, "Plenty!" As dog parks have become more common (and, indeed, as dog ownership has been on the rise in the past decade) they have somehow morphed from being something that local dog owners band together and fight to build, to places where few really knowledgeable owners care to take their dogs. It seems everyone has a horror story to tell about "that day at the dog park," featuring overstimulated dogs running amok, dogs practicing bully behaviors, dog fights, and even dog deaths.

This is the dog-park dream: Exuberant dogs running and playing with joyous abandon, then coming home with you tired and content. But anyone who has spent much time at a dog park can attest that it's only sometimes like this; just as often, one can see unhappy, anxious dogs, dogs being targeted by "playground bullies," and even dog fights.

It's true that all of those horrible things can happen at dog parks, but a lot of good things happen in dog parks, too, especially when they are well-constructed and well-managed, and when park users are smart about bringing appropriate dogs to the park and providing adequate supervision. Dog parks are a lifesaver for the owners of many dogs who need a little extra exercise and outdoor stimulation in order to be able to relax and behave well at home.

So do you take your dog to your local dog park or not? How do you know if you should? Or shouldn't? Just as with so many other dog training and behavior questions, it depends!

7 Things to Consider About Dog Parks

There are a number of factors that determine whether a dog park is a good choice for your canine companion:

1. How your dog prefers to play.

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Does your dog love to play with other dogs? Not all dogs do. Yes, they are a social species; that doesn't mean they all get along. We humans are also a social species, and we certainly don't get along with all humans!

If your dog is a confident, social butterfly, she might be a good dog park candidate. If she's fearful around other dogs, she will be much happier not going to the park. (Consider, too, that her fear will likely deepen with every bad experience.) Some dogs are perfectly content with a small circle of intimate canine friends. Other dogs prefer the company of their human companions over any other canines. Bringing a dog who doesn't enjoy the company of other dogs into an off-leash playground isn't fair to your dog or any others who may approach her.

2. Your dog's play style.

You need some awareness of what sort of play best suits your dog in order to gauge whether a particular park at a particular time of day is likely to provide her with an enjoyable play session or set her up to be traumatized (or traumatize others). Consider what your dog likes to do, and plan accordingly.

For example: Is your dog a fetchaholic? If her preference is to chase balls in a huge open space without being chased or pestered by any other dogs, bringing her to a cramped or crowded park might just set her up to snap at any unwary dog who gets in her way or tries to compete for the ball.

Consider the other typical dog park visitors, too. Does your dog love to play with other rowdy, rough-and-tumble brawlers at the park? That's great if you can meet up with folks whose dogs enjoy that, too. But if your dog overwhelms other park visitors with his level of energy and arousal, it's not fair to inflict your dog's inappropriate play on them. Other dogs (and their owners) will not care that your dog is "just playing" if, while minding their own business, they get bowled over and hurt; they may respond with a dramatic protest and trigger an aggressive retort from the over-aroused roughouser.

3. How much training your dog has.

To be fair to other park users, and in order to be able to keep your own dog safe, your dog should at least have a dynamite recall so you can call her back to you when you see trouble brewing. A full range of well-trained good manners behaviors is even better!

4. How your local dog park is constructed.

There are dog parks, and then there are dog parks. A well-constructed dog park is several acres or larger, solidly fenced, ideally with amenities that include water, equipment to play on, and varied terrain, such as open fields, creeks, and woods, so dogs have plenty to keep them environmentally engaged, rather than just pestering each other. Parks that are small, overcrowded and boring greatly increase the likelihood of inappropriate canine behavior (fights). Other important park features include separate areas for small and large dogs and double-gated entrances so dogs can't escape as newcomers arrive.

5. How your local dog park is managed. Every good dog park needs rules and someone to enforce them. Municipal parks, usually under the auspices of the parks and recreation department, may fall short on management. Rarely is there someone in attendance to deal with conflicts that may arise. City and county dog parks often compete with tennis courts, ball fields, playgrounds, and picnic areas for park staff attention.

Privately owned dog parks are more likely to have staff in attendance to assist in a timely manner with conflict resolution (canine and human) and enforcement of rules. Some parks require registration and issue numbered arm bands that owners must wear while in the park, for more effective reporting and investigation of problems.

6. The way your dog park is maintained. Dog fights aren't the only threat to your dog's safety at a park. Poorly maintained fences and equipment can injure and kill dogs as easily as dog-dog altercations. Grass should be regularly mowed, and needed repairs promptly and routinely made. Make sure your park is getting its fair share of the park-maintenance budget!

7. Your local dog park culture.

This is the human side of things. If most owners are chatting with each other or on cell phones, rather than supervising their dogs' activities, there are bound to be problems. If owners are oblivious to their dogs' inappropriate behavior and allow mounting, bullying, and aggression to go uninterrupted, it's not a healthy place for you and your dog to hang out.

Consider visiting the park on different days and at different times of the day; there may be knowledgeable and more engaged owners gathering at a different time.

*It came to me
that every time I lose a dog,
they take a piece of my heart
with them.*

*And every new dog that
comes into my life gifts me
with a piece of their heart.
If I live long enough all the
components of my heart will
be dog,
and I will become as gener-
ous and loving as they are.*

ANONYMOUS

Bouquets & Biscuits

CH. Kelly's Steele's One For All All For One became a champion at six months old at the Royal Canin show winning 5 points each day.



PACH RACH4 Angel Sylvie Williams CDX BN RM12 RAE25 OA OAJ MXP5 MXPS MJ7 MJPG PAX NF XFP THDD RATN CGCA CGCU TKP finished her RACH4 Rally Championship on November 30, 2019, which happened to be on Portland Miniature Schnauzer Club's Miniature Schnauzer Day, which made earning her fourth Rally Championship extra special. Angel also finished both her Rally Master 12 and Rally Advanced Excellent 25 titles the very next day on December 1, 2019 at the Greater Clark County Kennel Club in Ridgefield, Washington.

Thanks to Bettie A. Stone for breeding this remarkable, sweet, little Schnauzer for me. For never having a pet my entire life, Angel being my first ... she has proven over and over again that she is definitely an "angel" ... wonderful, smart, and talented. Angel is loved, trained, and handled by MaryAnn "Annie" Williams.

January 1, 2020

4th DUES NOTICE

YOUR DUES ARE NOW IN ARREARS

2020 DUES & TROPHY DONATION

By renewing your dues you acknowledge you have read and will abide by the AMSC [Code of Ethics](#).

2020 Membership dues were due by January 1, 2020.
Dues will be in arrears after that date

and will lapse if not paid before March 1, 2020.

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Regards,

Bonnie Keyes Treasurer

SPECIALTY WINS**Central Florida MSC****Fri., Dec. 13, 2019**

WD,BOW...Diego China Hedda Wang

RWD...Reberstein's Otto-Tastic/
Snyder/HamiltonWB...Mystique's Stand and Deliver/
RohrerRWB...Wards Creek's Warrior
Princess/SchnetzerBOB...Ch.Regency's Play to Wiin/
Montilla/Verna

BOS...Lakeside's I Am Groot/ Bond

BBBE...Wards Creek's Miracles Do
Happen/SchnetzerBP...Ebonheir's Penny From Heaven
at Harmony Hill/Peveto/DeerSEL...GCHS Repetition's Once in a
Blue Moon/ MurphySEL...GVHB Riversong's Cold As Ice/
Kubic***Bouquets & Biscuits******P.S. Addie's Back In Town
PCDX,CD,PCD,BN,GN**

CH C-Mark's Midnight SoJourney x

P.S. MoonRaker's Tattletale

December went to Orlando, Florida to AKC Obedience Classics. Out of 72 Novice B dogs Addie was 9th out of the Top Ten. Big thanks to Sally Dahlke for such a talented and naughty little girl Addie is loved and handled by Barb Koscielski.



Isn't this how you wash dishes?

**2020 Roving Specialty
Sacramento
April 11, 2020**

The Miniature Schnauzer Club of Northern California will hold its Specialty on Friday. The Portland Miniature Schnauzer Club and the Miniature Schnauzer Club of Southern California will support the entry on Thursday and Sunday.

This will make for 4 days of Miniature Schnauzer Competition.

HOTEL INFO

Double Tree by Hilton April 8-12
Cal Expo AMS block
2001 Point West Way \$139.00/night
Sacramento, CA 95815 \$50.00 non-
refundable pet fee
916-929-8855

Since Cal Expo has restrictions on bringing in food and beverages, snacks, coffee, and light lunch will be available at local Miniature Schnauzer Clubs' motorhomes in the parking lot (which is right next to the building) before and after Saturday's AMSC Specialty."

**MEET'N'GREET
Friday, April 10, 6:00 PM**

Guests \$15.00 per person prepaid using PayPal on AMSC website ,or \$20.00 at the door.

MENU

Fresh Fruit Presentation Selection of
Sliced Fresh Seasonal Fruits with
Chocolate Dipping Sauce
Deli Platter| Turkey, Ham, Smoked
Sausage and Salami with Sliced
Swiss, Cheddar, and Pepper Jack
Cheeses Served with Assorted Rolls
and Condiments
And
Quesadilla & Nacho Station

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Janet was a member of AMSC for many years and has recently lapsed. She is now re-applying. She has been involved with Miniature Schnauzers for twelve years and loves the breed. Her second Miniature Schnauzer was purchased from Linda Drost, Attaway kennel. She is not a breeder. She is retired and her dogs are Champion companions. She attends 4 or 5 events each year. Janet is interested in helping with the Health Committee. She also hopes to rejoin the Mt. Vernon Miniature Schnauzer Club.

Janet's sponsors are Silvia Soos-Kazel and Barbara Donahue

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Kathy has read and agrees to comply with the Code of Ethics and the Standard. She has bred one litter in the past 5 years. She is involved in Conformation, Agility, Obedience, Barn Hunt, Rally, FastCat/Coursing and Scent work. She attends approximately 25 events each year and belongs to Calcasieu KC where she serves on the Board of Directors, Performance Committee and is Rally, Obedience Trial Chair. She has had Australian Shepherds for over 20 years but always wanted a Miniature Schnauzer. She purchased a Mini and found him to be "so smart and so much fun" that she has fallen in love with the breed. Kathy would like to become a member to support the breed and educate other people.

She is interested in helping with the Newsletter, Education and Membership.

Sponsors are Lynn Tamms and Lyn Foster



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UPCOMING SPECIALTIES

Cactus State MSC Specialties January 24, 2020

Breed – Mr. Roger R Hartinger
Sweepstake –Deborra Nestle
January 24, 2020; PM

Breed – Mrs. Paula Hartinger
Sweepstake – Kim Demchak
February 28, 2020; AM

Breed: Carole Luke Weinberger
Sweepstake –Amy Gordon
February 28, 2020;PM

Breed – Mrs. Patricia Nemirovsky de Alsina
Sweepstake – Alice Gough

Gateway MSC February 28th 2020

Conformation- Mr. Steve Hayden
Sweepstakes- Marilyn Cooper
Obedience- Mr. James Comunale

Lone Star MSC of Dallas July 2, 2020

Breed: Bergit Kabel

Sweeps: Betty Bossio

(NTex cluster shows (4) July 2 thru July 5)

AMSC SPECIALTIES

Roving Specialty April 11,2020

Sacramento, CA

Regular Classes - Mrs Marcia Feld
Sweepstakes - Gail Wilford

Montgomery County 2020

Regular classes - Mrs Bergit Kabel
Sweepstakes - Cheryl Coffman

Roving – Grays Lake, Illinois June 20, 2021

Sweeps: Linda Drost

Regular: John P Wade

Montgomery County October 3, 2021

Sweeps: Tatiana Myers

Regular: Bruce Schwartz

Gateway Miniature Schnauzer Club 62nd Annual Specialty Show & Obedience Trial

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SHOW DATE: February 28, 2020

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Come one come all!

\$28.00 for the first entry of each dog in conformation and \$26.00 for the first entry of each dog in obedience. Each additional entry of the same dog in conformation and obedience is \$20.00, unless otherwise specified. When a dog is entered in more than one class, the highest priced class is considered the first entry. Bred-By-Exhibitor class is \$25.00. Sweepstakes is \$20.00.

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