



Service Dogs for Autism

Autism Dog Services: <http://autismdogservices.ca>

Safety

For children that wander or bolt, the service dog keeps the child grounded and safe. The service dog keeps the child with the family and allows for safe road-crossings.

Constant Friendship

The service dog can become a companion for the child. Independence is fostered through being responsible for helping with the dog's care and exercise.

Behavioral Support

The dog helps with stress control, becoming a constant anchor and behavioral guide for the child. A service dog bridges the gap between peers creating opportunities for socialization and independence. A child learns daily tasks with service dog that create opportunities to learn responsibility, empathy, socialization, and communication development.

Best Therapy Dog Breeds for Autistic Children

1. **Labrador Retriever.** Gentle, loyal, friendly, good natured.
2. **Collies.** Energetic, intelligent, loyal, remarkably intuitive and sensitive to their owner's feelings and needs.
3. **St. Bernard.** These gentle giants are known to be loving, loyal, calm, and have historically been trained as watchful "nanny dogs" for children.
4. **Poodle Mixes.** Poodle mixes, such as Labradoodles and Goldendoodles, combine the loving, friendly, and good-natured traits of a Lab with the intelligence and allergy-friendly coat of a Poodle.