

## From arf-arf to WOOF-WOOF

The Service Dog Pack consists of many different breeds. We definitely do not all look alike; some of us are large, some are small, but regardless we all have an important job to do. To be a member of the Service Dog Pack, we do not consider the breed, but the ability to perform the needed care for the handlers.

For example if the care that is needed is mobility, then you'll see pack members of a larger breed.

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# Knowledge is "Paw"er



No-cost Service Dog Training for  
Veterans with PTSD



Hi!

I'm Achilles; spokesperson for Lone Star Paws 4 A Cause.

So you don't get put in the dog house, the Service Dog Pack and I would like to train you on some things.

Our jobs as Service Dogs are **VERY** important and these training tips can help our job not be so ruff.

### Squirrel!

Do not distract us, this means

- No petting without "paw"mission from our handler
- No mad-dogging (eye contact)
- No kissy or whistle sounds
- No trying to get us to come to you

### Call Off The Children

Train your children to not interact with us. It's not because we're aggressive or dangerous; it is because of the distraction and we must stay focused.

### Tail Between Your Legs

Do not be offended if our handlers tells you "NO" after you ask to pet us. Like you, our handlers may be in a time crunch or may not be feeling well and will appreciate your cooperation in letting him/her get along without delays.

### Put A Muzzle On It

Do not ask our handlers about their disability. Living with a disability is difficult and can be equally as difficult to speak about. Service Dog handlers are no different than you or us and may prefer their privacy.

### Don't "Pet" Me

It is important for you to understand that we are not pets; We are Service Dogs. Only Service Dogs have Public Access rights. We are not an ESA (Emotional Support Animal) or a Therapy Dog, who do not have these rights. We are regarded as "medical equipment" for our handlers' needs.

### Barking Up The Wrong Tree

While most general public areas don't allow animals, please know that us Service Dogs are with our handlers for a specific medical reason(s), and not just for pleasure. Making reference to this is unnecessary. Our handlers wuff us, greatly depends on us and trusts us, as we are our handlers' life line.