



## Videos To Submit

Please film short video clips demonstrating the following skills in a moderately distracting environment, such as a dog-friendly store (e.g., Home Depot or Lowe's):

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### Checklist of Videos to Record and Submit:

#### 1. Name Response

- Your dog responds to their name when called.

#### 2. Basic Cues

- Show your dog responding to a **sit** cue and a **down** cue on a flat surface.

#### 3. Recall with Wait

- Place your dog in a sit, give a **wait** command, walk to the end of a 6-ft leash, turn back, and call your dog to come.

#### 4. Comfort Around Carts

- Show your dog remaining calm and composed around moving shopping carts or flatbed carts.

#### 5. Leave It

- Demonstrate your dog walking past food or another tempting distraction on the ground, responding to a **leave it** cue.

#### 6. Loose-Leash Heeling

- Show your dog walking calmly in a heel position on a flat collar or harness.
  - The leash should be loose, forming a slight “J” shape.
  - Treats should not be necessary to keep your dog in position for the duration of the heel; however, occasional treats are okay.

#### 7. Dog Observation

- Record your dog observing other unknown dogs from a safe distance.



## 8. Down/stay

- Record your dog staying in a down position while you walk to the end of the leash and return.

## 9. Settle

- Demonstrate your dog's ability to settle for at least 2 minutes while laying at your feet.

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### What to Watch for in the Dog Observation Video:

When recording your dog observing other dogs, please take note of the following:

- **Calmness:** Does your dog remain relaxed and composed in the presence of other dogs?
- **Focus:** Can your dog maintain attention on you despite the distraction of other dogs?
- **Body Language:** Look for signs of stress or discomfort, such as tense posture, pacing, avoidance, or excessive sniffing.
- **Reactivity:** Watch for behaviors like hackling, growling, lunging, or uncontrollable barking.
- **Recovery Time:** If your dog becomes momentarily distracted or excited, how quickly can they refocus on you?

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### Important Note:

Dogs that exhibit reactive behaviors, such as hackling, growling, lunging, or uncontrollable barking, are not ideal candidates for service dog training. Unfortunately, we are unable to provide support for addressing animal behavior issues.

We are here to assist dogs that already demonstrate the foundational traits needed for successful service dog work. Reactive dogs can increase anxiety rather than alleviate it, both for you and others.



Service dogs must remain calm, focused, and composed in various public settings. An honest evaluation of your dog's behavior will help ensure the best outcome for both you and your dog.

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### **Purpose of the Videos:**

These videos will help us assess your dog's:

- Behavior in public settings
- Temperament and reaction to stimuli
- Ability to focus around distractions
- Resiliency in new environments
- Socialization with other dogs

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### **How to Submit Your Videos:**

Please send the recorded videos to us via [pawsthatserve.org](http://pawsthatserve.org) or **Facebook Messenger @pawsthatserve**. If you have any questions or need assistance, don't hesitate to reach out.