

Southwest Service Dogs
Public Access Test Quick Checklist

- ☐ **1. Vehicles/Transportation.** Dog enters/exits a vehicle under control and rides under control. Dog waits under control while handler or helper loads/unloads equipment. Dog must not be overly stressed or anxious.
- ☐ **2. Cross a street or parking lot safely.** Dog must walk calmly on a loose leash or with *working tension, where applicable, and be confident in the presence of passing vehicles. Dog should sit or stand when handler stops and wait for permission to move forward.
- ☐ **3. Enter a doorway under control.** Dog must enter/exit doorways including automatic doors and push/pull doors under control. Dog should be able to demonstrate the ability to enter the doorway alongside the handler, to wait while handler enters first & calls the dog through, and to wait under control while another party enters/exits the doorway first.
- ☐ **4. Walking on a loose leash through a store.** Dog and handler should be able to walk on a loose leash or with *working tension, where applicable through the aisles of a store. The dog should not knock over merchandise, sniff or lick food, or interact with strangers unless given permission to do so. The dog should be able to confidently navigate changes in floor surfaces. The dog should be able to walk calmly next to a shopping cart and should remain calm in the presence of passing shopping carts and other store equipment.
- ☐ **5. Walking on a loose leash past people.** Dog should be able to walk past people in a public setting while remaining focused on the handler. The dog should not interact with people, even when spoken to by a stranger- unless given permission to do so. Dog should remain neutral even when touched by a passing stranger.
- ☐ **6. Walking on a loose leash past other dogs.** Dog should be able to pass another dog while in a public setting without barking, growling, whining, trying to play, pulling towards, or lunging aggressively.
- ☐ **7. Elevator or Stairs.** Dog must be able enter & exit an elevator under control and in a safe manner. Dog must sit, down, or stand & stay while the elevator is in motion. If the handler is physically able to navigate stairs, the team should walk up & down the stairs under control and in a safe manner.
- ☐ **8. Public Restroom.** Dog must willingly enter a public restroom stall with the handler and sit, stand, or down stay until released. The dog should not interfere with other restroom users.
- ☐ **9. Behavior in restaurant.** Dog should walk through the dining area without interfering with other patrons at their tables. Dog should down & stay under a chair

or table, or alongside the table- as out of the way of employees and other patrons as possible while still able to perform Service Dog duties. Dog should not sniff at food or beg.

- ☐ **10. Obedience Skills.** Dog should perform a sit or down stay for 30 seconds with the handler at the end of the lead. Dog should come when called from 6ft away and go to front or heel position (handler's choice).
- ☐ **11. Moving out of the way.** Handler should be able to direct their dog to move to the left or right, or to sit behind them, or under their legs to get out of the way in situations where people need to pass by in a small space.
- ☐ **12. Perform a task.** Dog must demonstrate the ability to perform at least one trained Service Dog task for the handler while in a busy public space. Task must be directly related to the disability of the handler.