



Who we are: The American Service Dog Access Coalition (ASDAC) is a 501(c)3 organization dedicated to reducing the burdens faced by disabled individuals when traveling with service dogs.

Our approach: ASDAC prioritizes collaboration with the goal of building the broadest possible coalition of service/guide dog providers and venue providers to end the use of fake and poorly trained "service dogs" while simultaneously raising service dog training standards. Unlike other attempts at service dog registries, the ASDAC is a stand-alone not-for-profit coalition established industry leaders with expertise in canine registry, technology, service dog training and advocacy.

The problem: Fraudulent and poorly trained service dogs are inundating airlines, restaurants, hotels and other venue providers. Correspondingly, legitimate service dog teams are facing skepticism from venue providers and the public, as well as hazards from fake and poorly trained "service dogs." ASDAC recognizes the legitimacy of a variety of sources of service dogs but also the issues and confusion caused by a lack of unified behavioral standards for true service dogs as defined by federal law.

The solution: ASDAC is building an "opt-in" service dog credentialing system that will streamline the travel process for service dog teams while also reducing the challenges faced by venue providers when working to accommodate them. The voluntary credentialing system will provide industry and venue providers with relevant information to easily identify valid, well-trained service dogs while also providing service dog teams with increased comfort and confidence to travel. The work of ASDAC will also incentivize participation in the system and create a culture of compliance with the general public. The "opt-in" credentialing system will contain five general components outlined below:

1. Test service dog teams to ensure they meet rigorous standards or provide automatic credentialing to teams from pre-approved providers (i.e., ADI members and other high-quality service dog agencies);
2. Prove vaccination history and disability of handler;
3. Provide easy access to authoritative credential status and all relevant information through a database managed and backed by ASDAC and the American Kennel Club® ("AKC");
4. Re-test service dogs every two years to ensure they continue to meet credentialing standards;
5. Provide a policing mechanism for teams failing to meet standards.

Once "qualified," the service dog team will be provided with an ID card, identification number, and a patch. The serial number and ID can quickly be verified via a mobile and web-based platform application.



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