## **Service Dogs**

Age Requirements 0-5 6-12 13-21 22-55 56-60 60+ Available 24/7 No Other Eligibility Criteria Persons with physical or emotional limitations. Also will provide hearing dogs. The applicant must be able to take care of the service dog. Family No Intake Contact Staff Intake Contact Email youell@saintfrancisdogs.org **Intake Process** Telephone referrals accepted. Written application/specific documents required; interview. If accepted, individual is placed on a waiting list. Self Refer Yes Saint Francis Service Dogs http://www.saintfrancisdogs.org/ Main (540) 342-3647

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Fee Structure
Call for Information
Languages Spoken
English

Saint Francis has placed many professionally trained service dogs to assist people with a wide range of disabilities, including autism, cerebral palsy, joint and/or muscular diseases, multiple sclerosis, brain injury, paralysis, Parkinsons, rheumatoid arthritis, and many other disabling conditions. A service dog is especially trained to help people with severe ambulatory and other physical disabilities. A dog can be trained to open and close doors, retrieve dropped objects, pull wheelchair, turn off lights and obtain food from the refrigerator. A service dog also gives emotional support.

It takes two years and costs up to \$25,000 to train one service dog. Saint Francis absorbs this cost and does not charge for service dogs. For eligibility requirements to apply for a dog, <u>visit the website</u>.

Service Area(s) Statewide