

# MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD - DISABILITY NETWORK DIRECTORY

## Service Animals

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### [Commonly Asked Questions About Service Animals](#)

#### **America's Vet Dogs**

371 E. Jericho Turnpike  
Smithtown, NY 11787-2976  
631-930-9090 (V)  
E-mail: [info@vetdogs.org](mailto:info@vetdogs.org)  
[www.vetdogs.org](http://www.vetdogs.org)

Not-for-profit organization founded by the accredited Guide Dog Foundation for the Blind and serves the needs of disabled veterans and active duty personnel. provide guide dogs for veterans who are blind; service dogs for those with other physical or emotional disabilities; physical and occupational therapy dogs to work with amputees in military and VA hospitals; and combat stress control dogs to be deployed in theater. All services are provided at no cost to veterans, and our funding comes from the generous contributions of individuals, corporations, foundations, businesses, and service and fraternal clubs.

#### **Canine Partners for Life**

P. O. Box 170  
Cochranville, PA 19930-0170  
610-869-4902 (V)  
E-mail: [info@k94life.org](mailto:info@k94life.org)  
[www.k94life.org](http://www.k94life.org)

Train service dogs, home companion dogs, and residential companion dogs to assist individuals who have a wide range of physical and cognitive disabilities.

#### **Fidos for Freedom**

1200 Sandy Spring Road  
Laurel, MD 20726  
410-880-4178 (V)  
301-490-4005 (V)  
E-mail: [outreach@fidosforfreedom.org](mailto:outreach@fidosforfreedom.org)  
[www.fidosforfreedom.org](http://www.fidosforfreedom.org)

Service dogs are trained to aid individuals who are mobility impaired to achieve their desire to be independent by performing tasks that are physically demanding. Hearing dogs are trained to reliably alert people who are deaf or hard-of-hearing to all of the significant sounds in their environment. Dogs will spend approximately 2 to 3 years being socialized, learning basic obedience, and the specialized work they will perform. In-home Skilled Companion Dogs provide the same assistance as other service dogs do to individuals with disabilities, however these trained dogs do not have public access and only provide assistance in the home. Also train service and hearing dogs to meet the needs of military veterans.

#### **Guide Dog Foundation for the Blind, Inc.**

371 E. Jericho Turnpike  
Smithtown, NY 11787-2976  
1-800-548-4337 (Toll Free)  
E-mail: [info@guidedog.org](mailto:info@guidedog.org)  
[www.guidedog.org](http://www.guidedog.org)

Provide guide dogs free of charge to individuals who are blind, visually impaired, or with other special needs who seek enhanced mobility and independence. Includes training, transportation to and from the school, room and board during the two-week training program, and aftercare services. Home-based, combination home and residential and small group training is offered to qualified applicants.

#### **Guide Dog Users, Inc.**

3603 Morgan Way  
Imperial, MO 63052  
1-866-799-8436 (Toll Free)  
[www.guidedogusersinc.org](http://www.guidedogusersinc.org)

Advocacy organization that assists individual members with advice and useful contact information and advocating at both state and Federal levels on behalf of the guide-dog handling population. Helps individuals who face discrimination involving housing, employment, entry to public places and transportation. Affiliate of the American Council of the Blind.

#### **Montgomery County Animal Services and Adoption Center – Department of Police – Animal Services Division**

7315 Muncaster Mill Road  
Derwood, MD 20853  
[www.montgomerycountymd.gov/animalservices](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/animalservices)  
240-773-5900 (Information)  
240-773-5660 (Licensing)  
240-773-5925 (Police Animal Services Division)  
Animal control and shelter. Issues pet license.