

We Are Accredited by Assistance Dogs International Gold Seal Achievement

Assistance Dogs **International**



The ADI Mission

To establish and promote standards of excellence in all areas of assistance dog acquisition, training and partnership. Facilitate communication and learning among member organizations. Educate the public to the benefits of assistance dogs and ADI membership.

As a Member Program of Assistance Dogs International (ADI)...

We believe that organizations and individuals involved in the assistance dog industry have common goals and interests which are best achieved by uniformly complying with all local, state and federal laws as well as ethical, moral and legal policies, practices and procedures.

We are honored to demonstrate our commitment to this belief through voluntary participation in the ADI accreditation process.

Our achievement of full ADI accreditation means that the facilities and operation of our assistance dog program meet ADI's standards of excellence.

ADI and the Accreditation Process

ADI is an international coalition with members representing assistance dog programs from across the world. The purpose of ADI is to improve the areas of selection, training, placement and utilization of assistance dogs.

Accreditation by ADI is a peer-review process. It is a uniform method by which ADI voting member agencies can achieve compliance with the operational standards of excellence established by ADI for organizations that train and place assistance dogs.

Participating organizations undergo an official on-site assessment conducted by highly skilled assessors. During the course of the visit, assessors interview agency staff, volunteers, the Board of Directors, assistance dog applicants and recent graduates, and are given access to a variety of agency documents and records.

The following areas are evaluated during the accreditation survey:

Program Management

- Application policies and procedures
- Canine management and training
- Teaching curriculum and instruction
- Program record keeping
- Volunteering
- Graduate input

Administration

- Organization
- Emergency procedures and safety regulations
- Risk management
- Documentation
- Business practices
- Written policies and procedures

Facilities

- Building and grounds
- Safety and maintenance
- Kennels

Community Activities

- Behavior of assistance dogs in the community
- Community education about assistance dogs

Members must be accredited every 5 years

Compliance with ADI standards in all these operational areas results in full ADI accreditation for a term of five years and the award of an official plaque containing the ADI gold medallion.

We are proud to be an Accredited ADI member program and be recognized for maintaining ADI's standards of excellence in all areas of our assistance dog program.



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