

Public Access Test Checklist

Are You Ready for Pet-Friendly Locations?

This short test can be self-administered and will help you determine if your paw partner and you are prepared for pet-friendly locations. Place a check-mark in the empty boxes on the left if true:

1. My dog:

- Is house trained;
- Is friendly with other people;
- Is friendly with other dogs;
- Easily accepts reinforcement in new environments;
- Easily responds to me in new environments.

2. My dog performs well the behavior listed below in at least two outdoor locations and the parking lot in the company of other people that are within a radius of 10 feet (~3 meters) of me:

- Easily responds to my commands;
- Eats treats delivered on the ground;
- Moves to targets pointed by hand;
- Recognizes their name;
- Walks beside me in a calm fashion;
- Accept treats and maintains calm behavior.

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3. I am confident in my ability to:

- Manage my dog's interaction with other people;
- Switch between walking, running, and stopping abruptly;
- Help my dog when he/she is scared;
- Reinforce wanted behavior;
- Accepts treats and maintain calm behavior;
- Read the body language of my dog and respond to stress cues;
- Socialize my dog with people and other animals.

Are You Ready for Non-Pet-Friendly Locations?

This part of the test is meant to be conducted during or after a visit to a pet-friendly location that you do not visit frequently. This short test will help you find out if your paw partner and you are ready for locations that typically allow only service dogs and dogs who are in training for assistance work.

Please put a check-mark next to "Yes" or "No" for the "yes/no" questions.

1. About the dog:

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	My dog is house trained.
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	My dog is friendly with people.
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	My dog is friendly with other dogs.
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	My dog is well-groomed.
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	My dog has passed training with a personal trainer / I conducted the training under the guidance of a professional trainer.

2. About the service dog handler:

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<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	I feel confident in my ability to reinforce wanted behavior.
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	I follow training plans for safe public access.
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	I can quickly switch between walking, running and stopping abruptly with my dog.
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	I understand my dog's limitations, abilities and I adapt so we can have uninterrupted access to public spaces.
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	I understand the role of reinforcement tools like food and praises.
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	I can move the focus of my dog to me when necessary.

3. Final assessment:

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	My dog focused on me in the parking lot.
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	My dog responded to commands in the parking lot quickly.
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	My dog walked in a calm fashion in the parking lot while surrounded by people within 6 feet (~1.8 meters).
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	My dog walked in a calm fashion in the parking lot in the vicinity of other dogs (radius of 10 feet / ~3.5 meters).

Please put a check-mark next to the labels that have been explained below:

Always (my dog performs the behavior 99% of the time)

Mostly (my dog performs the behavior 75-99% of the time)

Sometimes (my dog performs the behavior 45-70% of the time)

Never (my dog performs the behavior rarely or never, less than 45% of the time during the training)

<input type="checkbox"/> Always	<input type="checkbox"/> Mostly	<input type="checkbox"/> Sometimes	<input type="checkbox"/> Never	My dog remains in heel position during our travel.
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<input type="checkbox"/> Always	<input type="checkbox"/> Mostly	<input type="checkbox"/> Sometimes	<input type="checkbox"/> Never	My dog responds to the "sit" command quickly.
<input type="checkbox"/> Always	<input type="checkbox"/> Mostly	<input type="checkbox"/> Sometimes	<input type="checkbox"/> Never	My dog responds positively to praise and rewards.
<input type="checkbox"/> Always	<input type="checkbox"/> Mostly	<input type="checkbox"/> Sometimes	<input type="checkbox"/> Never	My dog ignores other people.
<input type="checkbox"/> Always	<input type="checkbox"/> Mostly	<input type="checkbox"/> Sometimes	<input type="checkbox"/> Never	My dog displays calm, friendly and happy body language.
<input type="checkbox"/> Always	<input type="checkbox"/> Mostly	<input type="checkbox"/> Sometimes	<input type="checkbox"/> Never	My dog is attentive to my commands, and body language.
<input type="checkbox"/> Always	<input type="checkbox"/> Mostly	<input type="checkbox"/> Sometimes	<input type="checkbox"/> Never	My dog moves through a store ignoring merchandise.

You need to mark "Yes", "Always", and "Mostly" if your dog shows excellent obedience and public manners. You need to have 80% of the questions listed above marked in blue and green. Please make sure to practice as much as needed to master public access manners. Do not rush your dog and practice your skills at familiar locations before moving to a new one for the best results and peace of mind. You are allowed to repeat the test as many times as needed.

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