How to Use Service Dogs in Mental Health Recovery
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With Hunka – a male, Saint Bernard smooth-coated Collie mix

and Tella – a female, Great Dane
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• With Taylor –
a male, all black
English Cocker Spaniel
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Objectives:

Our hope is that you leave this presentation with a good grasp on....

1. Lifestyle change – benefits & challenges
2. Settings to consider – residence, public, military, work, transportation
3. Your Resources & References
Considering a Lifestyle Change

Notice our naming convention:
Pet, Therapy, Emotional Support, and

Service Dog
A Pet ....
A Therapy Animal ....

[Image of a woman and a child with a therapy dog, and another image of a dog wearing a READING EDUCATION ASSISTANCE DOGS® bandana.]
An Emotional Support Animal (ESA)
Service Dogs .... are highly trained, working dogs
Service Dogs

get to do this because ....
Service Dogs help out with ....
Service Dogs ....

help their people to QUALIFY by ....
Service Dogs will always need ....

Acquisition

Food & Supplies

Veterinary Care

Grooming
Service Dogs become SDs by ....

Select
Socialize
Train
Evaluate
Certify
Service Dogs will provide ....

What’s going on here?

Work? and/or Task?
Service Dogs ....
Program
vs.
Owner
Trained Dog
When it comes to proof ....

DOCUMENT everything about your SD:

Ought to:
You the owner
Your loved ones

Will:
Your professionals
Work place
You and Your Service Dog in Public

will need to be prepared for....
Does SD size really matter?
Off Duty Service Dogs!
Providers need to determine when ...

• indications out weigh contra-indications to potential SD owners

Helpful?  Harmful?
Alleviate Symptoms?  Worsen Symptoms?
Support Recovery?  Delay Recovery?
Service Dogs Etiquette

“Do”

and please

Don’t
Service Dogs ....
Service Dogs ....

Medical Assistive Devices

MEDICAL ALERT ASSISTANCE DOG

My job is to warn my handler before she gets sick and help her when she is in medical crisis. I know lots of people are curious to know more, but my handler likes to keep her medical conditions private, I'm sure you understand!

Under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992, I am allowed by law anywhere the public is normally allowed. I have the same right of access as a guide dog. This includes stores, restaurants, movies, public transportation and hospitals.
Service Dogs on planes, trains & buses....
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