



Public Access Test (PAT) Psychiatric Assistance Dog

Client's Name

Date

Dog's Name

Place of test

Breed

Assessor

Female

Male

Desexed:

Yes

No

Buddy

DOB

Any health issues on the day?

Yes

No

If 'Yes' elaborate

The team
passed the PAT

Assessor's Signature

Mastering Good Manners First

All dogs **must** have good manners before they begin this test. This is very important especially with small or toy breeds which are picked up and carried. It is fine for you to carry your small dog but they must do the majority of the PAT on the ground. It can be very disappointing if your dog does not pass because they won't sit and stay. Train your dog to respond to verbal cues and hand signals. They are helpful when you need to direct your dog in a public setting where silence prevails (like libraries, movie theatres or during performances etc.).

The Importance of Off-leash Training

Your dog will reliably execute basic cues, both on and off-leash. Leashes can be accidentally dropped, collars slip, or someone leaves a door open that will have been closed. You are responsible for your mindDog in any such situations.

Disqualifying behaviours

Any dog that demonstrates boisterous behaviour, hackles-up, growls, shows teeth, lunges, bites or inappropriately eliminates will fail.

Equipment and cues

Necessary equipment may be used on the assistance dog (e.g. front or back-attach harness, flat collar). Tiny dogs may be carried in the handler's arms, using a carrier, sling or other device when necessary, but will need to do most of the test on the ground.

Haltis, prong collars and any other aversive equipment are not permitted.

Scoring

- 1 ☐ Always
- 2 ☐ Mostly (more than half the time)
- 3 ☐ Sometimes (less than half the time)
- 4 ☐ Never

1. Car travel

The dog will be tested unloading from the handler's vehicle and will not exit the vehicle until given the appropriate cue, or lifted from the car if the dog is too small to exit safely on its own. Once outside, the dog must remain within 1.5m of the vehicle and out of any obvious danger. As soon as the dog has exited the vehicle, a second team will walk by within 3m. The dog on the first team will not attempt to approach, vocalise or in any way lunge towards the second team.

Yes No

The dog did not attempt to exit until given the appropriate cue

The dog was under control while exiting the vehicle and immediately thereafter

The dog did not interfere with, or become distracted by, a passing dog team

2. Approaching a building

The dog will walk alongside their handler on a loose leash. The dog will not pull on their leash, stop to sniff objects, greet other people, or eliminate while walking, unless specifically cued to do so by their handler. Tiny dogs may be carried, though they will demonstrate the ability to walk on a loose leash in a safe area.



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Yes No

The dog was calm around moving cars

The dog remained in a heel position on a loose leash

When the handler stopped, the dog also stopped

The dog did not attempt to greet or sniff others

The dog did not attempt to eliminate unless specifically cued to do so

3. Entering a building

The dog will enter the building via a door that their handler must open manually. This will be repeated using a door that opens automatically. While entering the building, the dog will continue to be on a loose leash without pulling. The dog will not rush ahead of the handler as the team enters the building, nor will the dog startle when entry is through an automatic door. Tiny dogs may be carried if this is their usual working position.

Yes No

The dog entered the building in a controlled manner when using manual doors

The dog entered the building in a controlled manner when using automatic doors

4. Moving around a store with distractions

The team will enter a busy store. The dog will be on a loose leash in the heel position. The dog will stop, when the handler stops. The dog will not brush against merchandise or topple items. The dog will not startle or appear frightened by shopping carts, baby strollers and small children. The dog will not attempt to greet other customers. The dog will be aware of their surroundings, while at the same time remaining focused on their handler. Tiny dogs that are carried will sit quietly and calmly without attempting to get out of their designated place.

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The dog was focused on the handler

The dog remained in a heel position on a loose leash or calmly in its place

Yes No

The dog did not brush against or toppled any merchandise

The dog was not distracted by shopping carts and other distractions

5. Grocery Store

The team will enter a grocery store, and the handler will push a shopping cart, while the dog keeps pace alongside their handler on a loose lead. Tiny dogs carried in their normal working position will sit calmly and quietly without attempting to get down from their

designated place. As the team moves through the store, the dog will not sniff any food products or people while moving through the aisles. Handlers will be especially attentive when the team is near meat and cheese sections of the grocery store, as these represent great temptation.

While in the grocery store, the handler may challenge the dog's training by placing it in a sit or down-stay (tiny dogs may remain in their normal working position) in an area where shopping carts and people are whizzing by. The dog will not break the stay, nor be fearful of the shopping carts and people. The dog will remain focused on their handler until cued otherwise.

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The dog was calm and kept pace alongside the handler pushing the cart

The dog did not sniff any food products or people

Yes No

The dog remained calm around shopping carts and people

6. High-distraction behaviours

The handler will put the dog in a down-stay in a busy public space. The assessor will walk closely by the dog and observe the dog's reaction. The dog will not react other than to note the individual's behaviour. The dog will not startle, vocalise, or break the down-stay. If small dogs have been trained to move closer to their handler in these situations, or do another behaviour for their safety, that trained response will not be counted negatively. For tiny dogs in carriers, the carrier in its normal position will be jostled unexpectedly.

Yes No

The dog did not break the down stay, startle or vocalise

There may children about. Have a conversation with the client about the dog's reaction to children. If possible walk the dog past a child but do not ask it to interact .

If the dog shows anxiety or is fearful of the child, ask for a video showing the dog interacting safely with a child it knows.

7. Mass Transit

N/A

This is to be covered before the PAT with a video showing the dog entering a bus, train or tram and settling on their mat on the floor. If it is a tiny dog they can be on the handler's lap, but not on the seat.

This is an important section if a person would like to fly in the future. If they do not use public transport or have any intention of flying they don't need to do this section.



The team will practice boarding and riding as many forms of public transport that are available to them. The dog will remain calm throughout the trip and be disinterested in other people present. The handler may choose to put the dog in a sit-stay or down-stay, as conditions permit. In most cases, a mindDog will ride on the floor of a train, bus, tram, taxi or plane, and not on the seat.

Tiny mindDogs may need to be protected from other passengers' feet by riding in a front carrier, shoulder bag, scooter basket, or in the lap of its handler.

The dog boarded and exited public transport calmly



The dog remained in position without disturbing other passengers

Tick applicable

8. Flying

N/A

If any team plans to fly with the mindDog in the aircraft cabin they MUST pass this section. Due to space and safety restrictions most airlines will not carry large or giant breeds in the cabin.

Flying poses unique challenges to a team including confined spaces and steep open stairs. They can prepare for this by:

Training in the passenger seat footwell of a car.

Training on steep open stairs like fire escapes.

See info sheet Getting Ready to Fly with your mindDog

The dog remained calm and relaxed whilst on the floor of the car.

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The dog successfully navigated steep open stairs in both directions without stress.

If the dog is successful in this section Part 12 may be ignored.

Has the dog flown in the cabin of an aeroplane in the past 12 months?

Yes No

9. Restaurants

The team will enter a restaurant and take a table, or wait to be seated. While walking through the restaurant, the dog will not lunge at any food or crumbs that may be on the floor. The dog will be placed into a down-stay under the table, if possible, and remain there silently for the duration of the meal.

If the setting will not allow the dog to remain under the table, then it may be placed in a down-stay next to, or under, the handler's chair and out of the way of other patrons and staff. Tiny dogs will remain calmly

and quietly in their normal working position during the meal. At no time is a mindDog of any size acceptable on a table. The dog may only be in a chair if it is in a carrier.

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The dog remained in position out of the way

The dog successfully ignored food or crumbs on the restaurant floor

The dog did not beg, sniff, or create a disturbance in the restaurant

Mid-way through the meal, an assistant will challenge the dog's training by dropping a small piece of food near the dog. The dog must see the food and not break its position, nor attempt to sniff or eat the food.

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The dog did not break its position during this challenge

The dog did not sniff the food item

The dog did not attempt to consume the dropped food item

10. Bathrooms

N/A

The team will enter a public restroom. Use the disabled access toilet.

When the handler washes their hands and is unable to hold the leash, the dog may be placed out of the way, either in a sit-stay or a down-stay, until cued by the handler to exit the bathroom. The dog will not startle at the sound of the dryer. Carriers with tiny mindDogs inside may be hung on the hook on the back of the cubicle door or held as appropriate.

Yes No

The dog entered the bathroom without obvious fear

The dog remained in position while the handler washed their hands

The dog did not whine or peek into adjacent stalls

11. Lifts

The team will enter and leave a lift in a controlled fashion. The dog will ride both up and down. It will not startle or cower out of fear and will be at ease, confident, and attentive to its handler throughout the ride.

The dog entered, rode the lift without fear and exited appropriately

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12. Stairs**N/A**

The dog will master stairways (ascending and descending). The dog will not run up the stairs, nor will it be fearful of them. A team will be climbing stairs together in a controlled manner.

The dog climbed the stairs with their handler in a controlled manner

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13. Surfaces

The dog appeared to be unafraid of different surfaces eg asphalt, gravel, linoleum, marble, cobblestones, metal gratings of any kind etc.

The dog walked confidently on a variety of surfaces

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14. Off lead recall with distraction

The dog will come when called by the handler at a distance no less than 2m and in the presence of high distractions. Distractions may include a group of people moving or standing around, children playing, or the presence of another dog or multiple dogs. The dog's recall will be rapid, deliberate, and focused. The dog will not amble along, sniff, or otherwise become distracted by extraneous stimuli.

Recall. The handler puts the dog in a sit then walks 2 - 5m away staying in the dog's sight. The handler then calls the dog. The dog returns immediately to the handler without hesitation or distraction

Yes No

Wait in position. The handler asks the dog to sit and stay then walks 2 - 5m away staying in the dog's sight. The handler then returns to the dog who remains in position

Yes No

15. Basic cues

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The dog sat on cue

The dog laid down on cue

16. Team relationship and bond

The handler positively reinforces the dog when cues are followed correctly. The handler further recognises the dog's stress signs (if there are any).

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The dog is confident, relaxed, friendly and happy

The dog is under the handler's control

17. Toileting

The dog must be able to toilet on cue or the handler must have knowledge of the dog's routine.

Yes No

Tasks

Tasks have been Identified that mitigate the handler's disability. According to mindDog's privacy policy the tasks are listed in the administration section of this form and not included here.

Training

Yes No

Does the standard of training comply with the requirements of the Commonwealth Disability Discrimination Act?

Annual Health Check

Yes No

Has the Annual Health Check form been supplied now or at a later date?

Score

The team must score 'Yes' 100% of the time and a '1' or '2' on the rest of the test items.

To be certified as a mindDog, the dog must pass this test with the scores outlined above. Should the dog fail to pass the test, the client will be referred to a mindDog approved trainer for further training.

The team still has to pay a 'No pass fee' of \$150 and the full fee again for the re-test. If the dog fails the second time, it will be deemed unsuitable as a mindDog.

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