



IAADP

International Association of Assistance Dog Partners

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The International Association of Assistance Dog Partners:

- * Created in 1993 as a cross-disability advocacy 501(c)(3) organization to enhance the relationship between people with disabilities and their assistance dogs.
- * A self-help network with more than 2,500 people with disabilities partnered with guide, hearing and service dogs
- * Goals are education, advocacy and mutual support.
- * Officer/board members are volunteers partnered with assistance dogs.

The International Association of Assistance Dog Partners Achievements:

- * Publication of an award-winning quarterly newsletter, Partners' Forum, featuring issues of concern to disabled people partnered with assistance dogs. In addition to members it is distributed to training programs throughout the world, corporate sponsors, veterinary schools, individual donors and governmental agencies. It has created a community as members share not only legal issues but their experiences and their stories. Members seeking a career as writers have been able to use Partners' Forum to obtain publication of their first efforts.
- * Creation of an Information and Advocacy Center which received more than 5,000 queries by phone, mail and e-mail in 2008. Queries came from consumers, government officials, attorneys, law enforcement agencies, educators, international organizations, restaurant and hotel associations and managers.
- * Worked with the California Hotel and Lodging Association and Assistance Dogs International to develop two Access videos and auxiliary material designed to sensitize and educate hospitality personnel and law enforcement officers about assistance dog issues. This effort was funded with grants from the American Hotel & Lodging Association and American Express. Marriott Foundation underwrote the distribution of 50,000 copies to hotels and restaurants in the United States.
- * Joined with the National Council on Disability and the Federal Aviation Administration to develop guidelines for gate agents and other airline personnel concerning assistance dogs and their partners.
- * An active member of the Coalition of Assistance Dog Organizations (CADO) which also consists of Assistance Dogs International, Guide Dog Users Inc. and the Council of U.S. Dog Guide Schools.
- * Planned and held 14 annual conferences for the assistance dog community. The 2008 conference was held in the United Kingdom.
- * Established an accessible educational and advocacy website, www.iaadp.org, which receives more than a quarter million visitors (2.6 million hits) a year. The website is cross-linked to more than 2,000 other websites.



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- * Published and distributed access materials - brochures, DVD's and web material. Partners in Independence, a DVD depicting the work performed by guide, hearing and service dogs, has been chosen by Veterinary Information Network and Western University School of Health Sciences to be featured on their websites.
- * Raised awareness of assistance dog partnership and IAADP thru feature articles in the New York Times (8/22/09), People magazine online and various regional publications.
- * Routinely consulted by regulatory officials and agencies in matters dealing with the ADA and the Air Carrier Access Act in relation to assistance dogs.
- * Developed guidelines for the installation of service animal relief areas at U.S. airports as mandated by the Department of Transportation in 2009. IAADP members have worked with local airports to implement the regulations.
- * Established an email alert list to encourage members to comment on proposed rule changes and pending legislation on federal and state level.
- * In support of the use of assistance dogs, the IAADP president has been called upon as an expert witness in cases of discrimination in employment, education and housing.

We are especially proud of our achievements and success in the area of obtaining cost saving benefits for our membership who represent the most impoverished segment of American society.

The International Association of Assistance Dog Partners Member Benefits:

- * Partnered with Bayer Animal Health to provide their monthly parasite control products, Advantage, Advantix and Advantage Multi to assistance dog partner members at no cost.
- * Partnered with Nutramax Laboratories to provide Cosequin, Dasuquin, Denosyl and Welactin at no cost to assistance dog partner members.
- * Partnered with Novartis Animal Health to provide Sentinel Flavor Tabs at no cost to partner members.
- * The Avid corporation provides free microchips and free enrollment in PETtrac, its lost dog registry, to partner members, a very important service if the team is separated by accident or injury.
- * Established a 15% discount on non-pharmaceutical products from KV Vet Supply catalog.
- * Muttluks, a dog boot company offers to IAADP the Woof Wish Program, with two elements, reduced pricing and shipping on products plus a donation to IAADP of their boots.
- * Arranged a relationship for partner members with Pet Assure, a discount program for pet supplies and for veterinary services provided by Pet Assure member hospitals.



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- * Partnered with Kansas State University Diagnostic Laboratory to provide a 50% discount for titer testing.
- * Free enrollment in the AKC Companion Animal Recovery program for all IAADP Partner members whose assistance dog has a microchip or tattoo.
- * Veterinary Centers of America (VCA), a nationwide network of veterinary hospitals offers to partner members a 10% discount on veterinary services.
- * Negotiated fee discount policies for assistance dogs at several veterinary teaching hospitals. Nineteen of the 27 veterinary teaching hospitals now offer discounts to disabled clients partnered with assistance dogs.

A unique benefit is the Veterinary Care Partnership grant program, developed for partner members with the collective support of many animal health care industry companies.

The International Association of Assistance Dog Partners Grant Program:

- * Initiated with a grant from the Heska Corporation and Bayer Animal Health, in 1995, IAADP's flagship grant program is the Veterinary Care Partnership (VCP) program. Grants are provided to help assistance dog partner members unable to meet the high cost of crisis veterinary intervention. VCP has helped more than 300 teams maintain their working status.
- * Bayer Animal Health not only administered the program at no cost for many years, but also became the leader in an organized effort to provide sustainable funding from a variety of sources. As a result, the importance of this life saving program has been acknowledged by the support of Bayer Animal Health, Fort Dodge Animal Health, Hill's Pet Nutrition, Nestle Purina, Nutramax Laboratories, Procter & Gamble (IAMS) and Royal Canin U.S.
- * The VCP program is a vital element in IAADP's mission. Because Nutramax Laboratories provides no cost administration, every dollar contributed by our sponsors goes to maintaining the health of working teams.