

Patriot Assistance Dogs

Command List

Fundamentals

- The “Basic 5”
 - Sit – dog sits and remains there until further directed
 - Down – dog lays and remains there until further directed
 - Heel – dog maintains position at handler’s left leg
 - Stay – additional signal to dog to maintain position while handler moves
 - Come – dog returns directly to handler & sits in front of them
- Additional Basics
 - Side - dog maintains position at handler’s right leg
 - Leave it – focuses dog’s attention away from object of interest (coaching tool)
 - Off – dog returns its paws to the floor
 - ParC – grants dog permission to relieve itself
 - Watch Me – dog makes and holds eye contact with handler
 - Drop It – dog releases anything that is in its mouth
- Marker Words
 - Yes – marker word to signal to the dog that the task was completed correctly
 - No – stops dog’s behavior; gets attention back on handler. Followed by another command
 - Free Dog – dog is released from the last command given

Service Tasks

- Touch – dog initiates physical contact with handler
- Nudge – dog prods or pushes at handler with its snout
- Check In – initiates and maintains upper body contact with handler
- Cuddle – dog lays with or on handler
- Ground – dog maintains weighted contact with handler
- Paws Up – dog places front paws on any surface pointed to by handler
- Get My Six – dog watches activity behind handler
- Block – dog positions itself in front of handler and monitors activity
- Find Outside – dog leads handler to fresh air
- I’m Okay – signal that dog may discontinue comforting the handler for now

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- Get Dressed – dog cooperates in gearing up process
- Load Up – dog jumps onto designated surface
- Around – dog changes position as directed by crossing behind handler
- Closer – dog moves nearer to handler
- Under – dog goes beneath a table or obstacle as directed by handler
- Back – dog backs into an aisle or rows of seating
- Hush – dog quiets; mark/reward immediately

Bonus Skills (Not all PAD dogs come with these)

- Fix It – if leash is wrapped around dog's leg, dog assists untangling by moving foot
- Fetch – dog picks up item as directed by handler
- Give – dog releases item from mouth to hand
- Hold – dog holds item in mouth
- Place – dog goes to a bed or mat as directed by handler and remains there
- Stand – dog gets to its feet
- Wait – dog momentarily holds position