

Application for Associate Membership

Submitting your application

Please submit your application via email or via post.

Email applications to: admin@raddogsinc.com.au

Documents may be scanned via a traditional scanner, or a phone scanning app. Please ensure the scanned images are clear flat images, cropped and the correct way up when you submit them.

*We can not accept documents through a drive link or compressed files.
If you need to send your application over a few emails, that's okay.*

Postal applications to: PO Box 145, South Yarra, Victoria, 3141
Please ensure you keep a copy and email RAD to expect your application.

Who can complete this application?

This must be dated within 2 months of your application.

Part 1 - Handlers details: Is to be completed by the disabled handler of the dog, or a parent/guardian of those under the age of 18.

Part 2 - Dog's details: Is to be completed by the disabled handler of the dog, or a parent/guardian of those under the age of 18.

Part 3 - Medical Form: Part Two is to be completed by a medical professional of the disabled handler.

Part 4 - Veterinarian: Part Three is to be completed by the dog's veterinarian.

Part 4A - Mobility: This form is to be completed when the dog is at the correct age for mobility. This must be completed first by your Vet, and then by your Medical professional.

Part 5: Is a statutory declaration, which must be completed and signed in front of an approved commonwealth witness, such as a veterinarian, pharmacist, or psychologist.

Applications must be filled in by hand, not digitally.



Fees

Initial Joining Fee and first year of Membership \$120

Annual Membership Renewal Fee- Due from your second year onwards..... \$75

Please use your full name as the reference (e.g JOHN SMITH)

Fees Payable To: Revolutionary Assistance Dogs Inc.

BSB: 633-000

Account: 165722323

*Refunds are not accepted for change of mind,
dogs no longer suitable for work, or terminated memberships.*

Application Checklist

- A clear and focused digital photo of your dog's face on a plain background with space around the face, taken without flash. (see example)
- A copy of vaccination records
- A copy of your dog's microchip and/or desexing certificate
- A copy of photo ID of the handler
EG- Drivers licence, Proof of Age, Passport
- Remittance of \$120 application fee
- Up to date Council Registration
- RAD Forms
- Proof of previous training - *If you have undertaken Assistance dog training*



*Please read ALL documentation in this application completely, and thoroughly.
You will be signing a legally binding statutory declaration as part of your application
agreeing to our rules, policies, terms, and standards.*

Please also keep a copy of this application for your own record.

*Revolutionary Assistance Dogs is run entirely by a small group of dedicated
volunteers. Please keep this in mind when allowing time to hear back from us.*



Applications Process

If you do not yet have a dog to train, please leave the 'dog details', 'dog history', 'my dog has' and veterinarian sections of this application blank.

This will need to be submitted within two weeks of your new dog coming home.

Please fill in the section regarding task training.

Applications for more than one dog must be discussed with the committee prior to being submitted.

If a RAD team is bringing on a second dog, they must let RAD know within two weeks of the dog coming home.

Applications will not be accepted for a dog intended to work for more than one disabled handler.

- 1-** Read through your forms thoroughly, and make sure you understand our terms and standards.
- 2-** Complete your application. Part 1 and 2 of the application yourself, Part 3 (and 4A) will be completed by your medical professional, Part 4 (and 4A) will be completed by your veterinarian, and Part 5 is a legally binding statutory declaration, which will need to be completed by an approved commonwealth witness (such as your veterinarian).
- 3-** Send in your application with all relevant extras attached. We recommend emailing your forms, but you may also post them. We can not start the process until we have everything on our checklist.
- 4-** Applications are processed in the first week of the following month your application is submitted. For example if you submit your application on the 12th of the month, our team will review it in the following months intake, from the 1st to the 7th of the next month, and you will be notified of the outcome in the second week of that month.
- 5-** Applications are reviewed in full and voted on by our committee.
If successful, you will receive your welcome email with your welcome letters, informative documents, colour level information, and gain access to our members only Facebook group.
- 6-** Get Started! Once you have been officially welcomed you can get started training as a RAD Team! You can do this independently, or request additional help.

We have an amazing group of trainers who also volunteer to help guide our RAD members along their journey and assess their training logs, as well as trainers and assessors all over Australia who we are able to refer our members to for further face to face support at any stage.

***If your application is unsuccessful, you will receive a refund.
A processing fee may be kept by the association.
No refunds will be issued due to a change of mind.***



Renewal

Associate membership renewals are due annually on the 1st of the month of joining.

Your initial joining fee includes your first year of membership.

A renewal invoice and forms are sent out to members one month in advance.

Every 2 years all forms including the veterinarian and doctor's forms will also need to be re-submitted.

Please note that an overdue renewal will result in a suspension of membership.

Colour Levels

Training your own Assistance Dog takes time, commitment, and dedication. It can take upward of 18 months to 2 years, to fully train your own Assistance Dog, and each dog will move through their training differently.

Not all dogs will complete this training, or be suitable for an Assistance Dog career, long term. Our training level system is designed to give you and your dog a good foundation of behaviour, training, and the best possible chance of success.

You can complete this training independently, with the help of our RAD trainers or you may engage a professional trainer, or a combination of all.

Our training levels are broken down into four colours; Red, Yellow, Blue, and Purple. Each level focuses on building different experiences and skills. These skills are needed for your dog to have the best chance of moving forward into a successful career at Purple Level.

We will place you into the colour level that best suits you at the time of joining. You will receive all the information regarding your colour level, and the expectations of your colour level as part of your welcome email.

If a team does not hold adequate proof of training, they may be asked to repeat some training or further devolve their skills, under our structure. This allows our teams to obtain the required proof of training under law.

Our program has been developed to support our teams to the best of our ability.



Public Access Work

Public access work refers to an Assistance Dog working or travelling in a public/non-pet-friendly environment. To commence this work, your RAD Dog must be trained in accordance with the Disability Discrimination Act (1992), and with RAD Inc's own standards.

To ensure that we can best support our teams, we ask our teams to collect ample evidence, and training before commencing Public Access work. This includes the evidence provided in this application and further evidence of training. Some examples of this are training logs, training certificates, and trainer's letters. Training Logs may be self-completed.

Such evidence is required to comply with Section 54A(5) of the Disability Discrimination Act and to ensure we are best equipped to advocate for our teams in times of need.

Membership Packs

Our RAD Teams receive their membership pack once they have reached Blue Level, and have been approved for Public Access work. Your membership pack will include a certificate of associate membership, a membership ID card, RAD embroidered patch, DDA Access cards, and more. Please allow approximately eight business weeks for your membership pack to reach you once you have achieved Blue Level.

RAD Branded Working Gear

When a team reaches Blue Level, they will receive a membership pack. In this pack, you will receive a RAD embroidered patch, and these are also available for purchase through our store. You may add these patches to the gear of your choosing, or you may choose to order custom branded gear such as vests and capes through Cavalier Couture at an extra cost. RAD Dogs are required to be easily identifiable as Assistance Dogs when working in public. It is not mandatory for you to display the RAD patch or logo, but it is highly recommended.



Part 1- Handler's Details

Handler's Name: D.O.B: / /

This handler is over the age of 18: YES NO

Name of Parent / Guardian:

If applicable (please use parent/guardian details for contact information)

Name of Secondary Handler:

Reason for the need for a second handler:

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If required, a secondary handler may be required if the disabled handler is not always able to handle the dog themselves due to their age or disability.

Phone:

Email:

Address:

Suburb: State: Post Code:

Postal Address:

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(If different than primary address)

EMERGENCY CONTACT

Name:

Relationship: Phone number:

Address:

Suburb: State:

Post Code:

My emergency contact is over the age of 18. I give my consent for RAD to contact this person.

REQUIRED- Please tick



Part 2 - Dog's Details

Dog's Name: Date/Year of Birth:

Breed: Sex: Male / Female

Is your dog fully vaccinated: Date of last vaccination:
If your dog is still not yet fully vaccinated, please put the date they will receive their last vaccination

Is your dog de-sexed: Yes / No Is your dog living with you: Yes / No

Microchip number:

Is your dog registered with your local council: Yes No

What is your local council area:

How did you acquire this dog? : Purchased as a puppy from a breeder
 Purchased as an adult dog from a breeder
 Adopted or purchased the dog in private sale
 Adopted the dog from a shelter
 Rehoming
 Other:

How long has the dog lived with you:

What is your plan if your dog needs to retire or doesn't work out as an Assistance Dog?

Do you have funds / a plan in place for if your dog needs emergency Vet care?



Training my dog has done:

- Started basic obedience training
- Attended puppy school - **Complete details below*
- Working with a trainer one on one - **Complete details below*
- Completed basic obedience training, to the point of being reliable in high distraction environments
- Training with an Obedience Club - **Complete details below*
- Started socialisation and distraction training
- Completed a good deal of socialisation and distraction training
- Started specific task training
- Completed specific task training (1-3 reliable tasks in a high distraction environment)
- Started Public Access training in pet friendly areas
- Started Public Access training in non-pet- friendly areas
- Successfully completed a Public Access Test - **Complete details below*
- Working fully in Public Access
- None of the above
(if you are unsure of what these terms mean, please tick this box)

*Trainer's name/Business:

*Contact information:

Has the dog received any specific Assistance Dog Training?

If yes, how long for? :

Have you done any competition dog sports EG Agility, Dock Diving, IGP:

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Does the dog on this application live with any other pets: YES NO

If yes, What animals and what are the interactions with the application dog? :

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Task Training

How will your owner trained dog assist you to mitigate the effects of your disability/ies?

A task is a behaviour or action that your Assistance Dog can perform to help you manage the impacts of your disability/ies on your daily life.

A task must be directly related to your disability/ies, and alleviate the effects of your disabilities, or assist you with an aspect of daily life that is difficult or impossible for you to manage on your own.

We do not consider emotional support or companionship trained tasks. Commands such as 'sit' 'drop' and 'stay' are obedience skills and are not considered tasks.

If you need or would like help finding tasks that can assist you, please indicate this below.

We can support you in learning about and training new tasks.

Please ensure to read this explanation thoroughly. If basic commands or emotional support are filled in for tasks, we will require you to re-complete this page.

If you are unsure, please fill in as "unsure"

Tasks my dog already knows:

Tasks my dog will be trained in:

Do you intend to do mobility with your dog?: YES NO

OPTIONAL – Share your diagnosis/diagnoses and or areas of your daily life you are wanting your RAD Dog to assist you with. This will help us to understand and help you to select and train the specific tasks that will benefit your needs.

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Have you previously been with another Assistance Dog Organisation/Association?

YES

NO

If yes, who or what Organisation/Association?

What was the reason for you leaving?:

Tell us about why you are wanting to join RAD and your journey with Assistance Dogs so far:

DECLARATION

I _____ wish to apply as an Associate Member of Revolutionary Assistance Dogs Inc.

I support the values and missions of RAD Inc.

I understand and agree to comply with the rules, policies, terms, and standards of this Association.

All details in this application are true and correct.

Signature:

Date:

Signature of parent/guardian:

Date:

Applicable if handler is under 18 years old. Parent/guardian to co-sign.



Part 4 - Vet Form

VETERINARIAN DETAILS

Name:

Clinic :

Clinic address:

Contact Number:

If we feel we need to make contact with your vet, we will do so.

DOG'S DETAILS

Name:

Age:

How long have you known the dog?

How long have you known the client?

DOGS SUITABILITY

Please indicate the following, as far as can be determined within a standard consult.

The dog ***MUST*** be present at the time this form is completed

YES NO

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | The dog is in good physical condition and health |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | The dog is at a healthy weight |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | The dog has a good temperament for working in a public place |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | The dog displays standards of hygiene that are appropriate for a dog in a public place* |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | The dog is physically and mentally sound |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | The dog has full use of all senses, limbs and has a full range of motion and a sound gait |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | The dog has no chronic health conditions that will interfere with working in public |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | The dog is fully vaccinated and free from infectious diseases* |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | The dog does not display any signs of fear, aggression or anxiety**
(**anxiety that is beyond reasonable for a consultation) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | The dog responds to basic obedience commands |

* or if not currently, there is no medical reason that this cannot be fulfilled in future.

A reminder that this Association: Does not condone the working of any dogs that are unfit for purpose.

(This includes dogs who are, behaviourally or mentally unstable, seriously injured, ill, diseased, etc; and dogs who have loss of limb or limb function, skeletal/muscular deformities, incomplete use of senses, soundness issues, aggressive tendencies, epilepsy, seizures, etc) -

RAD supports all forms of Assistance Dogs that meet the standards outlined in the DDA including entire dogs, purebred dogs, crossbred dogs, rescued/shelter dogs, etc. providing this complies with state laws.

INITIAL



Part 4 - Vet Form

Is the dog currently on any medication?: YES NO

If yes, what medication?: How long for?:.....

What is the reason for this medication?:

MOBILITY

Revolutionary Assistance Dog's Terms in relation to Mobility Assistance:

Light Mobility – Momentum Pull: Dogs should be at least 30% of the handler's height and weight, and at least 18 months old. Guide work can be considered light mobility when guide work involves pressure in the harness.

Medium Mobility – Counter Balance: Dogs should be at least 40% of the handler's height and weight, and at least 2 years old. Counterbalance may be used in motion.

Heavy Mobility – Bracing: Dogs should be at least 40% of the handler's height, and 50% of the handler's weight, and at least 2 years old. The brace should not be used in motion. Rigid handles should not be greater than 6 inches (measured from the dog's back between the shoulders to the handler's wrist when standing totally upright beside the dog.)

Is this dog intended for mobility: YES NO

If YES, please complete Part 4A - MOBILITY page 14

Was the dog present at this consultation?: YES NO

Consultation comments:

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_____/_____/_____
Signed On the day of

Dog **MUST** be present on this day

Stamp/Provider Number



Part 4a - Mobility Form

This form is to be completed for a dog and handler who intend to use a mobility task.

MOBILITY - VET

For a dog to safely undertake mobility work, it must be of the right weight, height, age and be physically sound (hip and elbow examinations/X-Ray) as determined by a Vet experienced in these examinations.

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In your opinion, is this dog suited to this work: YES NO

YES- at an older age Requires further investigation

What level of mobility: LIGHT Is the dog over 18 months of age?: YES NO

MEDIUM Is the dog over 24 months of age?: YES NO

HEAVY Is the dog over 24 months of age?: YES NO

What is the dogs weight: What is the dogs height:

_____/_____/_____
Name of Veterinarian Signed On the day of

MOBILITY - MEDICAL

To be completed by a medical professional able to accurately determine the height and weight guidelines of the handler

Does _____'s weight and height meet the percentage for the intended mobility outlined above?: NO YES If YES, Is the dogs weight/height:

30% of handler's weight 40% of handler's weight 50% of the handler's weight

30% of the handler's height 40% of the handler's height 40% of the handler's height

_____/_____/_____
Name of medical professional Signed On the day of



Commonwealth of Australia - STATUTORY DECLARATION Statutory Declarations Act 1959

I,

.....
FULL NAME, ADDRESS, AND OCCUPATION

Make the following declaration under the Statutory Declarations Act 1959

1. That all information in my Revolutionary Assistance Dogs Inc. Application form is true and correct.
2. That I have a disability as defined by the Disability Discrimination Act (1992).
3. That my dog already does, or will meet the definition of an Assistance Dog under the Disability Discrimination Act (1992) before commencing public access work.
4. That my dog already does, or will meet the Revolutionary Assistance Dogs Inc. – Training and Behaviour Standards before commencing public access work.
5. That I agree to the Revolutionary Assistance Dogs Inc. – Terms of Membership

I understand that a person who intentionally makes a false statement in a statutory declaration is guilty of an offence under section 11 of the Statutory Declarations Act 1959, and I believe that the statements in this declaration are true in every particular.

.....
SIGNED - DECLARANT:

.....
EMAIL/PH. NUMBER - *OPTIONAL*

Declared at On Of
PLACE DAY MONTH AND YEAR

Before me,
(SIGNATURE OF PERSON BEFORE WHOM THE DECLARATION IS MADE)

.....
(FULL NAME, QUALIFICATION AND ADDRESS OF PERSON BEFORE WHOM THE DECLARATION IS MADE (IN PRINTED LETTERS))

.....
EMAIL/PH. NUMBER *OPTIONAL*

Note 1 A person who intentionally makes a false statement in a statutory declaration is guilty of an offence, the punishment for which is imprisonment for a term of 4 years — see section 11 of the Statutory Declarations Act 1959.

Note 2 Chapter 2 of the Criminal Code applies to all offences against the Statutory Declarations Act 1959 — see section 5A of the Statutory Declarations Act 1959.



Terms of Membership

By being a member of RAD Inc, you are in agreeance of the following.

Assistance Dog Guidelines:

1. To be legally considered an Assistance Dog in Australia, the dog must meet the definition outlined in the Disability Discrimination Act (1992). Any dog who does not meet this definition is not an Assistance Dog. A dog must meet this standard to work in public (non-pet friendly areas). This includes holding sufficient proof of training for an assistance dog.
2. RAD teams must follow Revolutionary Assistance Dog's training and behaviour standards and Colour Levels structure and be approved to commence Public Access work once at Blue or Purple.
3. RAD Dogs must be a minimum of 6 months old to commence Public Access work as well as completing the Colour Level structure and be place at Blue.
4. RAD Dogs are required to be easily identifiable as Assistance Dogs when working in public. We recommend dogs to use a clearly labelled vest, cape, or harness; however, leash sleeves, bandanas, etc, are also easily accessible and acceptable.
5. RAD Dogs where safe and possible, should follow a '4 on the floor' rule - four paws making contact with the ground.
6. If a dog cannot work '4 on the floor', they may be carried on mobility equipment, or in an appropriate carrier that does not impede upon their ability to work. All RAD Dogs must still show the ability to work '4 on the floor'.
7. When working RAD Dogs should not be placed directly on public furniture such as tables, chairs, and trolleys (unless the establishment has its own policies on this). Dogs must not be placed directly on furniture in food areas or placed into trolleys where food is sold.
8. RAD Dogs should maintain a neat and clean appearance when working, including well-maintained gear.
9. RAD Dogs working in public should be as unobstructive and discreet as possible - unless a task calls for otherwise.
10. RAD Dogs should not interfere with members of the general public when working - unless a task calls for otherwise.
11. RAD Dogs should not show fear or anxiety in routine Public Access situations.
12. A RAD Dog who shows aggression or intense fear in public is to be pulled from Public Access work until the issue is resolved. If the issue cannot be resolved, the dog is not to return to Public Access work.



Mobility Guidelines

13. **Light Mobility** – Momentum Pull: Dogs should be at least 30% of the handler's height and weight, and at least 18 months old. Guide work can be considered light mobility when guide work involves pressure in the harness.

14. **Medium Mobility** – Counter Balance: Dogs should be at least 40% of the handler's height and weight, and at least 2 years old. Counterbalance may be used in motion.

15. **Heavy Mobility** – Bracing: Dogs should be at least 40% of the handler's height, and 50% of the handler's weight, and at least 2 years old. The brace should not be used in motion. Rigid handles should not be greater than 6 inches (measured from the dog's back between the shoulders to the handler's wrist when standing totally upright beside the dog.)

These are our minimum guidelines to ensure your dog is safe when performing mobility tasks for you. The higher the ratio of your height and weight for mobility, the safer these tasks are for your dog. You should always consult a knowledgeable veterinarian and or specialist before commencing mobility work with your dog, and have our MOBILITY Page completed.

Member Guidelines:

16. Members will not contribute to a defamatory or negative social view of the Association. This includes social media posts, stories comments or content.

17. Members will not speak to the media regarding RAD before written permission is given. Please contact us at any stage if you have the opportunity to help spread the word.

18. Members will not be part of or create another Assistance Dog Association, Organisation, or project unless approved by the committee.

19. Members will not bully, harass, or target members of the Association, staff, trainers or volunteers on or offline.

20. Members will treat members of the Association, staff and volunteers politely, and with respect, on or offline.

21. RAD resources will not be share with anyone with out RAD's consent-This includes but is not limited too specific RAD resources, files, documents, applications, letter, emails and communication etc – with the exception of sharing relevant resources with a trainer for private use between our member and their trainer. Please contact us first as we have specific recourses for our trainers.



Member Guidelines Continued:

22. Members (present and past) will not use any information gained from their membership with RAD to cause detriment to members of the Association, or the Association itself.

23. If RAD Inc. is advocating on your behalf for an access issue, it can diminish the outcome or undermine your case if it is spoken about publicly, or on social media. We advise that these issues be kept private until they have been dealt with, to give the issue the best chance of being resolved.

24. Members will advise the association if their dog ceases work at any time - whether temporarily or permanently. If a dog is retired, washed out or pulled from training, or no longer required to work for their handler, RAD Inc must be informed; and all RAD branded property returned.

25. Members will advise RAD if they acquire a new prospect / Assistance Dog within 2 weeks. We will require dog details and vet form pages of our membership application to be completed for new dogs, along with payment. New dogs will be placed at the beginning of our training structure at the time of joining

Bullying:

26. Bullying and harassment will not be tolerated at Revolutionary Assistance Dogs in any form, online, or offline.

27. Bullying can take many forms but not limited to including jokes, teasing, nicknames, name-calling, messages (text, email, social media, etc), pictures, social isolation, sarcasm, demeaning language, threats and abuse, coercion, inappropriate blaming, ganging up, calling out, drawing negative attention to a person, etc.

28. All instances of bullying at Revolutionary Assistance Dogs are thoroughly investigated and should be reported via email to human.resources@raddogsinc.com.au

It is important to note that Revolutionary Assistance Dogs only has the power to mediate between members of the association. However, any action of bullying and harassment will be taken into consideration by committee and can impact membership.



This Association:

29. Does not condone the working of any dogs that are unfit for purpose. This includes dogs who are, behaviourally or mentally unstable, seriously injured, ill, diseased, etc; and dogs who have a loss of limb or limb function, skeletal/muscular deformities, incomplete use of senses, soundness issues, aggressive tendencies, epilepsy, seizures, etc.
30. Supports all forms of Assistance Dogs that meet the standards outlined in the Disability Discrimination Act (1992) including entire (not de-sexed/spayed) dogs, purebred dogs, crossbred dogs, rescued/shelter dogs, etc, providing this complies with state laws.
31. Supports a handler's right to choose the ethical training methods and gear that are appropriate for them and their dog; providing this aligns with relevant state and federal laws.
32. Does not condone any questionable, abusive, unsafe, or dangerous treatment of animals or use of equipment.

RAD Branded Merchandise:

33. RAD embroidered patches, certificates, and ID cards received in your membership pack remain the property of Revolutionary Assistance Dogs. These items must never be sold, gifted, destroyed, or disposed of.
34. Revolutionary Assistance Dogs branded merchandise (such as, but not limited to patches and vests, including gear that a patch has been attached to) must not be sold or gifted without approval from RAD Inc; and must be done via a members-only space such as the private Facebook group. RAD Branded items must remain accounted for by RAD Inc. and we need to ensure that they are only owned and used by current members, and members whose dogs are approved for Public Access work.
35. RAD embroidered patches received in your membership pack are not to be sold. Patches that you have purchased outright may be sold with approval.
36. If a membership is terminated (by RAD or the member), a dog is retired, or it is otherwise requested, you agree to no longer use any gear or branded merchandise affiliated with RAD Inc. and return ID cards and Patches to the association. All RAD branded merchandise the team has obtained, must be returned to RAD Inc, and/or items such as vests must be sold in a member's only space. Items that RAD may request the return of include but is not limited to: vests, patches, bandanas, medallions, and membership ID cards. These must be returned to RAD with tracking at your own cost within 10 business days of the end of membership. RAD is to be provided with the tracking details.



Other Terms:

37. Assistance Dogs will not be worked by anyone other than the disabled handler (member) unless directly on behalf of the disabled handler (member), with the member present, as it is the member that holds the legal access rights.

38. Along with the annual renewal form, a full renewal of all membership application forms must be completed every two years to ensure both dog and handler still fit our requirements, and to ensure all information is up to date. If the appropriate renewal forms are not received and/or paid by the due date, membership is automatically suspended

39. The association holds the right to terminate memberships if the terms of membership and values of the association are not adhered to.

40. If we have a concern or complaint about the behaviour of one of our member's dogs, we reserve the right to request a letter of recommendation from a trainer that the dog maintains standards of behaviour appropriate for working in a public place and/or. we reserve the right to request a professional assessment that the dog is in line with our expectations and standards. Revolutionary Assistance Dogs reserves the right to determine the assessor. If this is unable to be obtained, RAD holds the right to suspend the membership and the member is to to reframe from public access until a time where the dog is cleared to work or the membership terminated.

41. If we have a concern or complaint about the health of one of our member's dogs, we reserve the right to request a letter from a veterinarian and/or veterinarian specialist stating that the dog is healthy, up to hygiene standards appropriate for a dog in a public place, fit to work in public and address any health conditions the dog is subject to within the assessment. If this is unable to be obtained, RAD holds the right to suspend the membership and the member is to to reframe from public access until a time where the dog is cleared to work or the membership terminated.

42. These terms are subject to change at any time. It is your own responsibility to stay up to date with current terms. These can be found on our website.



Remember we are here to represent you, but you also represent us when out working using RAD Inc related gear – so please help us to uphold good brand integrity so we can continue to provide the best support possible to our wonderful members. In essence, always put your best paw forward and as always, stay RAD!



Training and Behaviour Standards

RAD Inc. requires all dogs working in public to adhere to the following standards.

Introduction:

These standards expand upon the Disability Discrimination Act (1992) (or DDA) definition of an Assistance Dog

“Disability Discrimination Act (1992) Section 9:

- (2) For the purposes of this Act, an assistance animal is a dog or other animal:
 - (a) accredited under a law of a State or Territory that provides for the accreditation of animals trained to assist a persons with a disability to alleviate the effect of the disability; or
 - (b) accredited by an animal training organisation prescribed by the regulations for the purposes of this paragraph; or
 - (c) trained:
 - (i) to assist a person with a disability to alleviate the effect of the disability; and
 - (ii) to meet standards of hygiene and behaviour that are appropriate for an animal in a public place.”

Definition of a Task:

A task is a behaviour or action that your Assistance Dog can perform to help you manage the impacts of your disability/ies on your daily life. A task must be directly related to your disability/ies, and alleviate the effects of your disabilities, or assist you with an aspect of daily life that is difficult or impossible for you to manage on your own.

We do not consider emotional support or companionship trained tasks.

Commands such as ‘sit’ ‘drop’ and ‘stay’ are obedience skills and also not considered tasks.

By Law

All dogs working in public as an Assistance Dog must meet this definition. Any Assistance Dog who meets the above definition are trained to work in public places.

Handlers may choose to leave the ‘in training’ label on their dog until a higher standard of training is achieved.

Within RAD this would be teams who have reached Blue Level of training, are able to work in public and are aiming for our Purple Level.

Any Assistance Dog trained to these standards, and working for a disabled handler have full access rights under Federal Law in Australia.



Training and Behaviour Standards

RAD Inc. requires all dogs working in public to adhere to the following standards.

Training Colour Levels:

Our Colour Level structure helps teams have a clear understanding and guide for training towards the DDA. Red and Yellow colour levels are teams working towards the DDA.

Blue and Purple teams have completed significant training to meet the standards of RAD and the DDA, and have full public access rights.

RAD teams must complete the training logs required for each Colour Level.

This is not only to ensure our teams have solid foundations for a long successful career, but to ensure under section 54A(5) of the DDA evidence can be provided to best advocate for our teams in times of need.

Such as access issues, flying with your RAD Dog, or accessing non-pet-friendly housing. Our Blue and Purple Level teams are encouraged to continue training and complete at least 2 training logs per month.

Final:

Remember you should always treat your RAD Dog with a positive attitude, and treat them with pride and care. Just as your RAD Dog should hold a positive attitude towards you, and should follow instructions happily and confidently.

These standards are in place to give our members a tangible idea of what the definition of a trained Assistance Dog under the DDA looks like, and the standard we need you to uphold for us to provide you with the best support with access issues.



Training and Behaviour Standards

RAD Inc. requires all dogs working in public to adhere to the following standards.

To Work In Public, A RAD Dog Must:

1. Have achieved the appropriate training Colour level of Blue or Purple, and be approved by RAD to work in Public Access. RAD Inc. must ensure all dogs meet legal standards under the DDA, and are ready for public access work by having teams work through our training Colour Level structure. Our training structure has been developed alongside qualified trainers to ensure that dogs uphold a high standard of training and behaviour.
2. Have commenced training and become reliable in pet-friendly places- Colour Levels Red and Yellow. This ensures that our dogs are familiar with and reliable at maintaining appropriate standards in public places, before moving to Blue or Purple.
3. Be fully and reliably toilet trained. This must always include having a thorough understanding of your dog's toileting routine and may include toileting on command.
4. Be able to perform at least one task. See definition above on PAGE 21. This is to ensure that the dog is trained to alleviate the effects of a disability, as per the DDA. A task may be self-initiated by the dog, or requested (i.e item retrieval).
5. Not display fear in routine situations, and not display signs of ongoing anxiety This is to ensure the dog is ready for the everyday challenges of public work.
6. Be under effective control at all times As per the DDA this does not necessarily mean under direct physical control if the handlers disability does not allow it. The Primary/secondary handler must be present.
7. Not unnecessarily interact with merchandise. The dog must not pick up merchandise unless instructed or required for a task.
8. Not bark unless required for a task. This should also not be the first line of communication/alert.
9. Be easily identifiable as an assistance dog. RAD Dogs must be clearly labelled as an Assistance Dog when working in public.
10. Uphold a neat and clean appearance. This includes gear being professional, clean and well maintained.
11. Be able to display reliable obedience commands Assistance Dogs must always display a high standard of understanding in their training. The dog's response should be timely and reliable.
12. Be able to refocus quickly. Public work is full of distractions, if distracted your dog should refocus soon after and be able to continue working.
13. Remain calm when exposed to routine distractions. The dog should be at ease in their work. Public Access is challenging and unpredictable, but a dog must have a solid foundation in distracting environments.

