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Sterling Service Dogs

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Sterling Service Dogs is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization dedicated to helping disabled children and adults achieve greater safety and independence through partnership with a highly trained service dog.

Sterling Service Dogs Our small 501(c)3 non profit program in Michigan empowers disabled children and adults to increase their independence and safety through achieving a successful partnership with a highly trained service dog. Many months of intensive schooling go into each successful partnership. We provide lifetime follow up support as part of our commitment to excellence. In addition, we share our research and expertise in service dog training through seminars, workshops, at international conferences, in the assistance dog field, education packets, articles and demonstrations to community groups upon request. Although we primarily train service dogs, we will consider a social therapy dog placement for a young child or an adult with "special needs" if we can find a suitable dog. Our dogs primarily come from rescue organizations, but occasionally someone raises a puppy for us or donates an adult dog. Each dog must pass a rigorous health exam with x-rays, plus temperament and aptitude tests in order to be eligible for a career as an assistance dog. Sterling Service Dogs is a member of Assistance Dogs International, a worldwide coalition of non profit training programs which support a code of Standards and Ethics for the training and placement of different kinds of service dogs.

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