

Hearing Dogs Services for Arizona

All 4 Paws Training LLC <https://www.all4pawstraining.com/>

- Two locations: 3330 S. Price Rd. #104 Tempe AZ 85282 **and** 10210 N. 32nd St. #A5 Phoenix AZ 85028
A letter or prescription from your doctor is required by the time you are ready for Public Access Class
Take these courses if your goal is to have a service dog.
 - Puppy Obedience** (*Start here if your dog is under 6 months old*)
 - Obedience 1** (*Start here if your dog is 6 months or older*)
 - Obedience 2**
 - Obedience 3**
 - Skills:** retrieving, bracing, alerting, etc...
 - Service Dog Orientation** (*1-2 hours*) *should complete before starting Public Access*
 - Public Access**

Canine Companions for Independence www.cci.org

- Canine Companions for Independence provides dogs free of charge to their recipients. Their Southwest Training Center serves Arizona and is located at 124 Rancho del Oro Drive Ocean side, CA 92057. The graduates of the program are expected to be able to cover the ongoing maintenance/care costs of the dog which can average roughly \$2000 per year, not factoring in any unforeseen medical expenses. The first step in the multi-phase application process is to submit the application request form which can be found on their website at www.cci.org. After they have received and reviewed the completed request, they will be in touch with the applicant regarding next steps. If you have additional questions, please contact their Applicant Department at swrappllicant@cci.org or call 760-901-4319.

Dogs for Better Lives <https://dogsforbetterlives.org/hearing-dogs/>

- Dogs for Better Lives is located at 10175 Wheeler Road Central Point, OR 97502 Call: (800) 990-3647

- **Hearing Dogs at home.**

Dogs for Better Lives' Hearing Dogs are trained to alert people to household sounds that are necessary for everyday safety and independence. They are trained to make physical contact and lead their person to the source of the sound. Through sound awareness and companionship, these dogs provide greatly increased freedom.

- **Hearing Dogs in public.**

Many people are curious about what Hearing Dogs can do for people who are deaf or hard of hearing when they're in public. The most important thing a Hearing Dog provides a person in public is an increased awareness of his or her environment. A Hearing Dog isn't specifically trained to alert to sounds, such as a siren or honking horn, in public. But, when a person who is deaf or hard of hearing takes a Hearing Dog into public, he or she will gain an awareness of the environment by paying attention to whatever the Hearing Dog is reacting to. When the dog hears something and looks, the person will notice and turn to see what's happening as well.

Diamond Dogz <https://diamonddogzaz.org/home>

- Diamond Dogz of Arizona in Phoenix is a volunteer 501-C3 non-profit organization which was created to provide training and certification to hearing service dog teams for those that are deaf or hard of hearing. Hearing Dogs alert their owners to important sounds both in the home and in public. Sounds may include the door, phone, dropped items, name being called, fire alarm, running water, approaching people/cars, etc. Hearing dogs alert their partner with a paw touch or nose nudge to get their attention and then run to the location of the sound. By carefully observing a dog's body language (ears, direction of head, etc.), a hearing dog user is alerted to many environmental sounds. Hearing Dogs improve the quality of life for people with hearing loss. Hearing dogs can provide a person with greater independence, increased safety and a new level of confidence. Please contact Kristi Nolde-Morrissey, CPDT-KA at <https://diamondddogzaz.org/about-us>

Handi-Dogs, Inc. <http://www.handi-dogs.org/home/service-dog-training-at-handidogs>

- Students must live in the greater Tucson, AZ area and have an [appropriate dog](#). It typically takes 12 -18 months to complete the program. Handi-Dogs is accredited by Assistance Dogs International, which requires that every team work with us for a minimum of 6 months and that the dog is trained to do a minimum of 3 assistance tasks. Students must attend 4 lessons per month. Expect to pay \$1,500-\$2,500 to complete the program. [Financial assistance](#) is available.
 1. Initial Consultation and Dog Assessment \$30

2. 4 lessons per month \$210 (2 group lessons & 2 private lessons)
3. Additional lessons are \$65/hour for a private lesson and \$40 per group lesson
4. Certification Test \$200

International Hearing Dog <https://www.hearingdog.org/hearing-dog-program/hearing-dog-faqs.html>

- Hearing Dog candidates are: Adults over the age of 18, Have at least a 65 decibel hearing loss (unaided), Live alone or with other persons who are deaf or hard of hearing (IHDl will consider applicants who live with one hearing person), Do not have another dog in the home, Are mentally, financially, and physically able and willing to care for and continue the training of a hearing dog. Wait List is about two to three years. IHDl is located in Colorado but places Hearing Dogs with persons who are deaf or hard-of-hearing in all 50 states and in Canada.

NEADS World Class Service Dogs <https://neads.org>

- Service Dogs for Hearing are especially sensitive to noises, and a Deaf partner can learn a lot about his or her environment just by watching the dog's visual cues. A dog may notice when someone approaches from behind and tries to get the attention of his or her handler. A Service Dogs for Hearing, along with his or her "Service Dogs for Hearing" vest, is often the first indicator to the public that the Deaf individual may need to be spoken to face-to-face or in another manner.
- Service Dogs for Hearing communicate with their deaf partners by making physical contact with them and then leading them to the location of the sound. Small dogs will jump up on a person's leg or lap to alert their partner, while large dogs will seek out a person's hand with their nose to make contact.
- Our Service Dogs for Hearing are both mixed breeds from shelters or rescue groups, and puppies from their puppy program who are better suited to a career as a Service Dogs for Hearing. Their Service Dogs for Hearing program is available to anyone ages 15 and older. Clients spend one to two weeks at the NEADS State-of-the-Art Canine Center in Massachusetts learning how to work and live with their new Service Dog. Their trainers work closely with the new partners to ensure the match is a strong one.

Paws With A Cause: <https://www.pawswithacause.org/>

- PAWS has an annual application request time period for all first-time applicants. Application requests will be available January – March. During this time you will be able to request an application to receive a Service Dog to help with physical disabilities, a Hearing Dog to alert to common environmental sounds, a Seizure Response Dog to aid you during or after your seizures and Service Dogs for Children with Autism. Please check their website for the qualifications to receive each type of Assistance Dog and for additional program requirements. At this time PAWS does not train Psychiatric Service Dogs to assist with PTSD, anxiety, or depression or Diabetic Alert Dogs. If you have, or have had a PAWS Assistance dog and are in need of a Successor Dog, please contact PAWS directly by calling 616-877-7297 or e-mailing them at csdirect@pawswithacause.org. Please be aware that in order for PAWS to place an Assistance Dog with you, they must have a local Field Representative in your area and that coverage is subject to change at any time.

The Foundation for Service Dog Support, Inc <http://servicedogsupport.org/dogs/>

- The FSDS does provide dogs for hearing assistance and the recipient must be able to attend classes in Phoenix with some regularity. Students travel from as far away as Tucson and Flagstaff. In cases where they provide the dog already trained, they still must require in class attendance, though to a lesser degree than those training their own dogs from start to finish. In the case of hearing assistance dogs, they must have the recipients create a "sound library" of common sounds in their home and environment so they can work with that. If you have any other training specific questions, Please call their lead trainer, Jessica Parker, at the facility. She can be reached at: 602-870-2008.

Assistance Dogs International <https://assistancedogsinternational.org/>

- Assistance Dogs International, Inc. (ADI) is a worldwide coalition of not-for-profit programs that train and place Assistance Dogs. Founded in 1986 from a group of seven small programs, ADI has become the leading authority in the Assistance Dog industry.
- Members of ADI meet regularly to share ideas and conduct business regarding educating the public about assistance dogs, advocating for the legal rights of people with disabilities partnered with assistance dogs, and the setting of standards and establishing guidelines and ethics for the training of these dogs.

- Members Search ADI has accredited member programs across the world. Find out where the programs are located. If you would like to apply for an assistance dog, please use the [Members Search](#) in the link above to find an assistance dog program that serves your area.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ): Service Animals

Arizona Disability Law

- <https://www.azdisabilitylaw.org/guides/>