



## Service Dog Autism Disorders

### **Autism Assistance Service Dogs (Pervasive developmental disorders, Spectrum disorders)**

When a diagnosis of Autism comes to your family, your entire world changes. Hopes and dreams have to be rearranged. New schedules and family activities seem to revolve around the autistic child. Often social isolation becomes as crippling as the financial burden of a special needs child. Therapies can be slow and frustrating. One begins to wonder that if there are 1 in every 90 children diagnosed with Autism, how the people and our health care system can be so limited?

Animals Deserve Better, Inc. understands these struggles. Our dogs become highly specialized for Spectrum disorder diagnosis will become an integral part of your core structure along with being a well-trained companion.

Animals Deserve Better, Inc. provides service dogs that we specially train with your family to manage the symptoms of Autism. It has been our experience that nothing compares to the social and mental change of an autistic child once placed with a service dog. We have seen mutes speak, self stemming behaviors stop, the safety of the child maintained at all times and the tired parents sleep soundly for the first night since the diagnosis. We can send you links to research articles, news stories and footage that will guide you and show you the life changing ability of these amazing animals. We encourage you to find out as much as possible about this option for your family and to contact us at anytime for questions. Animals Deserve Better, Inc. truly believes that freedom lies in the love of a dog.



### **For the Love of a Dog**

We specialize in providing service dogs specifically trained to handle the challenges of Spectrum Disorders and other neurological impairments. Our dogs are able to be a constant companion with your child. They are allowed in schools, day cares, therapies and any other place your child may venture. Below is a list of some common symptoms of Spectrum Disorders and how our dogs provide a valuable resource in managing and changing the life of such special children.

<b>How Our Service Dogs are Trained to Respond</b>	
<b>Symptom</b>	<b>Service Dog Response</b>
Impulsive Running	Will Retrieve Child To Parent
PICA	Will Interrupt Behavior
Self Stimulation	Will Physically Interrupt Behavior
Self Harming	Will Interrupt Behavior
Mood Swings	Will Crawl Onto Lap and Calm Child
Night Awakenings	Will Alert Parents By Barking
Non-Verbal	Enhances Verbal Skills By Using Commands
Social Isolation	Focus Shifts To Dog