

Woofimonial

JASON'S SERVICE DOG CAREER

Jason, the pug has been my pet since he was 3 months old, but early this year at the ripe old age of 5, he became much more. Jason, the pug is now my trained medical alert dog, as well as my friend and constant companion. My life has changed for the better with the hands-on instruction I received from Denise & Barry of Canine Intelligence Academy (CIA).

Now you may be amazed to learn that a pug can be an assistance dog, but it is true! During my extensive on-line research I found out that Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 includes many more kinds of physical, mental and emotional disabilities including mine. Originally I thought service dogs, usually Retrievers or German Shepherds, primarily helped the hearing or visually impaired, but Jason can alert on my Type II diabetes. There are a number of companies that can supply an already trained service dog at a price, but imagine my surprise to find CIA that could help me train my own dog at a reasonable fee.

Over the next several months Jason and I logged many hours of practice culminating in achieving the AKC Canine Good Citizen award, successfully passing the CIA Public Access Skills Test, and demonstrated consistent alert behaviors through scent training. Jason traded in his Service Dog In-Training vest for a new one as an official Medical Alert Dog he proudly wears in public. So whether at home, or with me out running errands in town, Jason watches for any changes in my condition and lets me know, often before I do.

Karen Franklin & Jason

