### Welcome to Susquehanna Service Dogs









Susquehanna Service Dogs (SSD) breeds, raises, trains, and places assistance dogs and hearing dogs, as well as facility dogs, to assist children and adults with disability to lead the lives they want to live.

# Assistance Dogs International (ADI)

www.assistancedogsinternational.org

- ADI is a worldwide coalition of over 120 not-for-profit programs in 23 countries that train and place assistance dogs.
- Susquehanna Service Dogs has been an accredited member of ADI for almost 20 years.
- **★** Every 5 years SSD undergoes a comprehensive reaccreditation process
- SSD is part of the ADI International Breeding Cooperative (IBC)



### What we do...

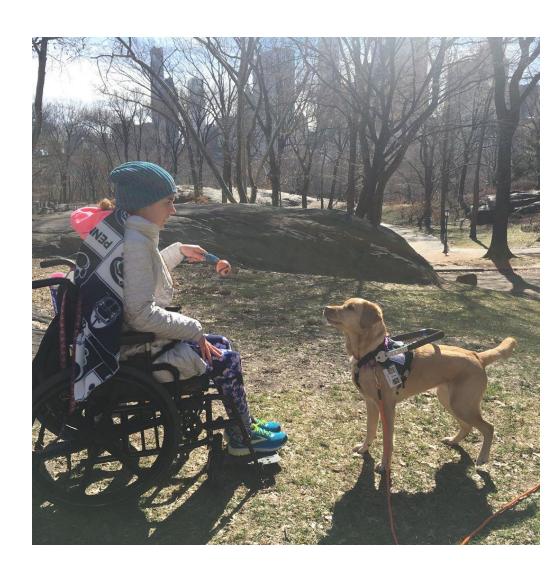
SSD trains the following types of assistance dogs:

- Mobility Dogs
- **❖** Psychiatric Service Dogs for veterans and non-veterans
- Autism Service Dogs for youth and adults
- **☆** Hearing Dogs
- **\*** Seizure <u>Response</u> Dogs
- Facility Dogs

...plus In-Home Service Dogs and Companion Dogs

#### SSD does **not** train:

- Guide Dogs
- **\*** Medical <u>Alert</u> Dogs
- **\*** Emotional Support Animals
- Therapy Dogs



### By the Numbers

SSD currently has approximately 140 dogs in the program. This includes those with Puppy Raisers as well as dogs in Advanced Training and breeding dogs.



45-50% of the dogs in our program become assistance dogs

On average, each year

20+ dogs are placed as assistance dogs

6 dogs have a career change to K9 detection dogs

Dogs released from our program become a VIP (Very Important Pet). A Puppy Raiser may be given the opportunity to adopt the dog they raised or the dog may be adopted by someone who has applied to adopt.

### Volunteer with us!



- Puppy Raisers
- Puppy Sitters
- Puppy Starters
- Puppy Transportation
- Canine Enrichment

- Puppy Enrichment
- **2**x2 Volunteers
- Fundraising
- **\*** Event Planning Committees

We depend on over **40,000** volunteer hours **PER MONTH** and are so appreciative of the skills and talents people share with us.

## How Dogs Can Change Lives