

# **UNLEASH JUSTICE:**

# **End Service Dog Scams!**



### **SIGN THE PETITION!**

Stand up for the rights of all people with disabilities who need service dogs and hold scammers accountable.

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## WOULD YOU KNOWINGLY PRETEND TO HAVE A DISABILITY?

That's exactly what people are doing when they pose their pet dog as a service dog to gain access to airplanes, restaurants and other places pet dogs are not allowed.

#### **HOW CAN YOU HELP?**

Current laws don't deter service dog fraud and need strengthening. Sign our petition asking legislators to amend the language in the Americans With Disabilities Act.

#### A SERVICE DOG IS MORE THAN A VEST

Real service dogs perform tasks to help people with disabilities and must behave appropriately at all times.







When we reach 2,500 signatures we can reach out to legislators to ask for these changes to the ADA to protect (real) service dogs. Your personal petition information will not be passed on to any third party.

### **Script for Petition**



1. I'm_	, a proud		of Canine Companions, the largest provider of
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service dogs for people with disabilities.

- 2. It's National Service Dog Month and I'm raising awareness about trained service dogs and the importance of preventing service dog fraud.
- 3. We're seeking signatures to stand up for service dog users' safety, inclusion and right to be accompanied by their trained service dog.
- 4. Did you know that some people pose as a person with a disability in order to receive the benefit of bringing their pet into places only service dogs are allowed? This is not only against Federal law, but also vital to protecting the safety and inclusion of people who really rely on specially trained service dogs for their independence.

#### More Information - How the Petition Will Help

 Ask legislators to add clear and specific language to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA):

The right to be accompanied by a trained service dog is a benefit permitted to a person with a disability to increase access and inclusion in public places. Misrepresentation of a disability to gain benefits is against Federal law.

- Make it easier for everyone to find this language in the ADA.
- Increase safe access for service dog users nationwide.
- Raise awareness about service dog fraud and fraudulently claiming disability benefits.
- Would you please take a moment to sign our petition? Once we have 2,500 signatures, we will show legislators that our community supports this important change to help service dog users.
- Please know that Canine Companions takes privacy seriously and doesn't sell any personal information that you provide.
- 93% of service dog users report encounters with poorly trained dogs in places where pets are not permitted. Such encounters can be stressful and even dangerous for both service dogs and their handlers.
- Many people aren't aware that they are fraudulently claiming to need benefits for a disability when they pretend their pet dog is a trained service animal which is against the law.

#### Thank you!