



What do our dogs do?

Nearly half the children with autism wander or elope. This behavior is life threatening to a child running from overwhelming sensory input. The giant breed dogs we use in our program provide an active counter-weight to prevent a child with autism from running into these dangerous situations. To prevent a child from going beyond the length of the tether —usually no more than 4-6 feet from the adult handler —the dogs are trained to sit and brace. The tether prevents the child from running away and inadvertently placing themselves in danger. In turn, this safety promotes more peace of mind for the parent, and allows the family to participate with their child in numerous activities within their community that were not even considered by the family before, because of the associated elopement danger. Activities such as hiking, grocery shopping, restaurants, camping, the library, swimming lessons, berry picking, movies, and SO MANY MORE!



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HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Autism Anchoing Dogs is looking for Breeders of Leonbergers, Newfoundlands, and St. Bernards to partner with. If your vision is to breed well structured, sweet tempered, versatile dogs, and you would like to help keep children safe, please contact us. AAD is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit and can give a tax deductible receipt if you chose to donate part or all of the cost of a puppy's purchase price.



Longevity: Service Dogs are normally retired after many years of devoted service. As the dogs are commonly paired with their families around 18-24 months of age, retirement generally occurs around age 9. We are interested in Breeders striving to lengthen their dogs lives. With the giant breeds we train and place, we conservatively estimate the service life of the dog to be between 5-7 years, depending on a variety of factors. We keep in contact with our clients and visit the dogs after placement. If necessary, Autism Anchoing Dogs offers a retirement home for old Service Dogs back with us as an honored companion.

Health and Durability: Autism Anchoing Dogs is looking for puppies or young dogs up to two years of age with an AKC registered pedigree from a Breeder doing regular testing clearances and reporting to O.F.A. or Pennsylvania State for hip dysplasia, and to C.H.I.C for associated, breed specific genetic disorders or conditions. This helps assure clients of receiving a durable working Service Dog. We use positive reinforcement training methods and our candidate Service Dogs are always eager to train — shouldering each other to be first to train.

Temperament: Autism Anchoing Dogs needs to have a well-socialized puppy with a sweet temperament, flexibility, liveliness and confidence. We depend on our Breeders to pick the best puppy for this work.



One dog, one child at a time ...



"Porter" and his 4-year-old. charge

We carefully screen our Leonbergers, Newfoundland, and St. Bernards for confidence and durability. These breeds are known for a sweetness of temperament and an affinity for children. They are friendly and steady, with a good combination of affection, intelligence, and strength. These dogs are often referred to as "Nanny" dogs and are frequently used for therapy or search and rescue work. We chose these breeds to do this work because they are calm in situations where other dogs might react poorly. In essence, these family dogs are bred to be gentle giants.

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