

Working Like Dogs: The Service Dog Guidebook

Working Like Dogs: The Service Dog Guidebook is the resource book for service dogs that captures personal stories, checklists and practical tips to provide the reader with an A-Z guide about service dogs. It is a must-read for anyone who is considering a service dog, has a service dog, is raising or is responsible for the care of a service dog, and dog lovers alike who want to connect with the power of the human-animal service dog partnership. This book is the ideal addition to every service dog training program as the resource for puppy raisers, service dog applicants and recipients.

A service animal is not a pet under federal law. According to the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), a service animal is any animal that has been individually trained to provide assistance or perform tasks for the benefit of a person with a physical or mental disability which substantially limits one or more major life functions.

"At last, this fine book helps us realize what the term 'service dog' really means, and appreciate the different worlds these animals have opened up for their partners, physically, psychologically, emotionally and socially."

Betty White, Actress/Author

About the Authors

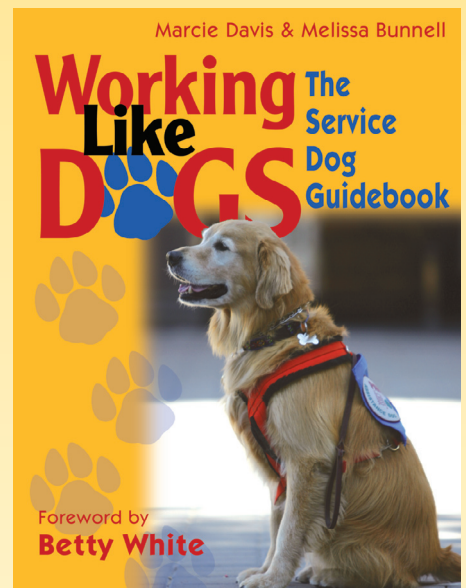
Marcie Davis is a writer, public speaker, advocate, and activist. She is the Chief Executive Officer of Davis Innovations, a public health and human service consulting firm based in Santa Fe, New Mexico, that specializes in program development, policy, research, and advocacy. Marcie has been a paraplegic for over 30 years and has been partnered with a service dog for over thirteen years. She holds a



Melissa Bunnell (left), Betty White and Marcie Davis (right, with her service dog, Morgan)

Masters Degree in Library Science from the University of Southern Mississippi and has received numerous awards and accolades for her tireless advocacy on behalf of individuals who can not advocate for themselves.

Melissa Bunnell holds a Masters Degree in Social Work from Ohio State University and has specialized in family and crisis counseling. As an animal lover she became interested in the subject of service dogs through her colleague and friend Marcie Davis, a service dog recipient. For more than five years, she has researched service dog resources and interviewed service dog partners, veterinarians and other professionals in the dog world and in 2003 co-founded Working Like Dogs, LLC an organization dedicated to working dogs around the world. She lives with her husband and daughter in Texas and New Mexico.



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Advance Praise for the Book

"Working Like Dogs: The Service Dog Guidebook is absolutely amazing. It is an inspiration for everyone who is thinking about getting an assistance dog, becoming a puppy raiser, or anyone who is interested in this unique animal-human bond. It should be required reading for everyone who has or is awaiting a service dog."

Natalie Sachs-Ericsson, Ph.D., Research Associate and Clinical Faculty, Florida State University, Research Scientist on Benefits of Assistance Dogs, and Puppy Raiser

"Four PAWS up for Working Like Dogs! Marcie Davis and Melissa Bunnell have provided anyone interested in Service Dogs with a wonderful resource that covers the entire spectrum of the Service Dog partnership... from application through the lifetime of these incredible teams. The touching and meaningful stories throughout the book demonstrate the life changing effect these remarkable dogs have on the lives of people who have disabilities. This book will be an invaluable tool for the entire assistance dog industry and for everyone partnered with a service dog!"

Lynn Hoekstra, Regional Director, Paws With A Cause



Key Talking Points for Media Interviews

- *Working Like Dogs'* authors can discuss the special bond that exists between owner and “partner” (dog), how hard it is to say goodbye when they retire, choosing a new service dog, and the grieving process when your service dog dies.
- Both Marcie and Melissa can discuss the four “service dog etiquette” rules, and how best to approach a working dog and its owner at the mall, grocery store, restaurant, etc.
 1. Do not touch the service animal, or the person it assists, without permission.
 2. Do not make noises at the service animal; it may distract the animal from doing its job.
 3. Do not feed the service animal; it may disrupt his/her schedule.
 4. Do not be offended if the person does not feel like discussing his/her disability or the assistance the service animal provides.
- Marcie can demonstrate the tasks Morgan helps her with everyday including getting the receiver for the phone, picking up items and bringing them to her, alerting her of someone at the door, etc.

Public Speaking

Marcie (with service dog Morgan) and Melissa are available for readings, presentations, and other public speaking engagements for a variety of groups and organizations. They appeal to a universal audience with their breadth of knowledge, excitement, and genuine commitment to service dogs. Coupled with information and humor, Marcie (with Morgan) and Melissa are a delight for any audience.

To book a media interview or speaking engagement with authors Marcie Davis and Melissa Bunnell, contact Kate Bandos, 800-304-3269, kate@ksbpromotions.com

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