



Public Access Test – Assistance Dog Accreditation

Purpose of the Public Access Test (PAT)

The purpose of the Public Access Test (PAT) is to assess if a dog is:

- (a) safe and effective in a public place or public passenger vehicle; and
 - (b) able to be effectively controlled by the handler of the dog.
- The PAT indicates the minimum standard that a dog must achieve to be considered safe and effective in accessing public places and public passenger vehicles on a daily basis.
 - The PAT can only be conducted by the Board's Approved Assessor.
 - A PAT conducted by a person other than the Board's Approved Assessor is an invalid test.
 - Each of the nine (9) elements of the PAT must be passed to demonstrate that the dog and handler perform at the required standard.

Grounds for immediate failure of the PAT

The following are grounds for immediate failure of the PAT:

- A dog that displays any inappropriate aggressive behaviour (growling, biting, raising hackles, showing teeth etc.)
- Any dog that urinates or defecates in a building or shows uncontrollable behaviour.
- Any dog that shows a display of guarding of people, territory, possessions or food.
- Any dog or handler who, due to their actions or behaviour, is likely to bring disrepute, i.e. a lack or loss of good reputation or respect, to the dog, approved assessor, or Board.
- Any handler who ill-treats the dog or is not willing to abide by all relevant laws.
- A fail mark in any element of the PAT.

Scoring of the PAT

- A pass mark in all elements indicates dog displays appropriate behaviour
- A fail mark in any element indicates dog displays inappropriate behaviour



Public Access Test – to be completed by Approved Assessor

Date	
Name of Examiner	
Name of Applicant (Handler)	
Dog's Name	
Dog Age	
Dog Breed	

SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

1. Non-aggressive behaviour (to be demonstrated throughout Public Access Test)

The dog has displayed appropriate behaviour. Inappropriate traits to observe are Growling, Biting, Raising hackles. Pass Fail

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2. Well-managed

2.1 The dog is settled, has a relaxed demeanour, is always under control and is unobtrusive [not pulling, or being in a state of higher arousal causing difficulty to handler] Pass Fail

2.2 The dog is specifically trained to bark, to stop on command, and/or respond to voice/visual/signal/lead correction commands. Pass Fail

2.3 The team/unit is not a hazard/nuisance to the public. Pass Fail

2.4 The dog is well-managed by the handler, e.g. dog responds to handler's demands. Handler praises/rewards dog. Pass Fail

2.5 The dog recovers if startled and does not respond aggressively, or show fear, or continue to be affected after the incident has taken place. Pass Fail

2.6 The dog is on a lead/harness at all times. Pass Fail

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SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR cont.

3. Public places/public passenger vehicles

The dog will remain responsive to handler, handler to be in control at all times. No excessive sniffing, drooling or grabbing of food, or excitability.

3.1 The dog sits under the handler’s chair/table or is out of the way (not a trip hazard), for a minimum of 5 minutes.	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Fail
3.2 The dog shows control of food distraction, e.g. heeling, controlled down. i.e. dog stays in a controlled manner.	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Fail
3.3 The dog does not use public furniture or public seating.	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Fail

3.4 Pick at least three options from the list below to continue with the following assessment questions.

PLEASE NOTE: At least **one public place** and **one public passenger vehicle** must be chosen, if no taxi is available then the trainer’s car may be used (e.g. for rural/remote areas).

Bus <input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Fail	Train/tram <input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Fail	Ferry <input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Fail
Busway station/interchange or train station <input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Fail	Café/shopping centre <input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Fail	Escalator <input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Fail
Travelator <input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Fail	Taxi/Car <input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Fail	Lift <input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Fail

3.5 The dog correctly sits in a designated area of chosen transport option, does not try and sit on the seat, and dog enters and exits on command only. The handler is to be in control at all times.	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Fail
3.6 The dog maintains a ‘sit’ or ‘down’ position if a person approaches – e.g. sits near a table with a child.	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Fail

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4. People response

The dog is passed from front and rear and is non-reactive (e.g. does not shy away, growl, raise hackles) in any of the following categories:

4.1 Crowd and pedestrian traffic	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Fail
4.2 Member of public	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Fail
4.3 Approached by adult and child	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Fail
4.4 Does not solicit attention	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Fail



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SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR cont.

5. Dog distraction

5.1 Dog remains calm (slight anxiety is acceptable if <3 secs).	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Fail
5.2 Minimal interaction.	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Fail
5.3 Handler has control and dog is responsive to commands.	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Fail
5.4 The dog remains controlled while another dog passes.	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Fail

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6. Noise distraction

The dog is to be subject to noise distractions e.g. loud places/vehicles/person's voice or whistle, or dropping a folder:

6.1 Dog remains calm (slight anxiety or fear is acceptable if <3 secs).	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Fail
6.2 Dog returns to assist handler in a reasonable period of time.	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Fail

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OVERALL SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

Pass
 Fail

Notes: Specific comments required regarding how the handler corrects the dog, reassures the dog, control of leash/harness and any undue overcorrection. Include observations about temperament and behaviour.

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OBEDIENCE AND RESPECT

7. Walk to heel

7.1 The dog is on the lead through out the test and walks to heel on left or right of handler, there is to be no straining or pulling on the lead and no soliciting public attention.	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Fail
7.2 A two metre recall on lead, dog to come directly back to handler on command.	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Fail
7.3 The dog is to be on the lead/harness at all times and if resting, e.g. at a café, or public passenger vehicle, or at work, the dog is to be close by to the handler. The dog is not to wander away.	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Fail

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OVERALL OBEDIENCE AND RESPECT	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Fail
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Notes: Include specific comments about the handler management of obedience and respect of the dog and the temperament of the dog.

PHYSICAL HEALTH AND APPEARANCE

8. Toileting/Hygiene Behaviour

8.1 The dog presents as clean, well-groomed and healthy.	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Fail
8.2 The dog is capable of displaying appropriate behaviour.	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Fail

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9. Acceptable toileting routine

9.1 The dog does not attempt to 'mark' over the top of other dogs' scents.	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Fail
9.2 The handler demonstrates knowledge of toileting routine.	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Fail
9.3 The dog responds to the 'toilet on command' request, which may include taking the dog to a discreet location for toileting purposes.	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Fail



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OVERALL HEALTH AND APPEARANCE

Pass
 Fail

Notes: Include specific comments about the handler’s management of physical health and appearance of the dog.

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ASSESSMENT RESULTS

Observations made

Include specific comments about temperament of dog and also the role played by the handler to physically control the dog

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Identified Concerns

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OVERALL PAT ASSESSMENT RESULT

Pass
 Fail

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I verify that this test is an accurate record of the public access test that was conducted to assess the applicant and dog named above.

Approved Assessor Signature _____ Date _____