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Support Dogs - Guide/Disabled/Assistance Dogs

Guideline Statement

Local animal control agencies should strive to assist these animals and their owners whenever possible. NACA supports qualified training programs which seek placement of such animals in homes where they are undoubtedly needed.

Basis for Guideline

The training of animals, particularly dogs, to assist the blind, deaf, or disabled, is representative of man's lengthy relationship with companion animals. The symbiotic partnership of animals working with their masters encourages positive owner/animal relationships.

Guideline Recommendation

Laws which reduce or eliminate licensing fees for owners whose animals serve this purpose can be a consideration, providing documented proof or training has been completed. The adoption of dogs to be trained for these purposes is recommended to qualified agencies/individuals.

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The foregoing Guideline has been affirmed as duly adopted by the NACA Board of Directors.

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