



Dogs for the Disabled is a National Charity established in 2007 and the only one of its kind in Ireland. Enhancing the quality of lives for children and adults, who have varying degrees of physical disabilities. Our mission is to provide fully trained Assistance Dogs to assist in everyday activities and in doing so improving their quality of life. Our Assistance Dogs are provided free of charge and our charity receives no government funding.

We are successful at our work because we have in excess of 20 years' experience in assistance dog training globally and work closely with assistance dog schools all over the world. We have 200 dogs nationwide and 5 year waiting list for our assistance dogs.

85% of our clients are children between the ages of 6 – 12years living with severe physical disabilities which affect every aspect of their lives from independence to social interaction.

Our Assistance Dogs are specially trained to assist in many ways, some of which are opening/closing doors; assist with dressing/undressing; sending of help; retrieve dropped items like keys or telephones; empty the washing machine; fetch the post; switch lights on/off; Press Pedestrian Crossing buttons plus much more.....

We are currently running a unique programme designed to assist children with cerebral palsy to walk with our Stability Assistance Dogs. Huge progress has been made in helping these children to walk and increasing the possibilities of keeping them walking as they grow.

Dogs for the Disabled funds all its services through the effort of our loyal volunteers across the country. Each Assistance Dog costs the charity €15,000 to produce and provided free of charge to our applicants with approximately 25 assistance dogs a year placed with a child or adult with a physical disability in Ireland.