

Hearing Service Dogs

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This is meant to serve as a resource, not a recommendation for a specific organization. Please do your due diligence!

There are service dogs that are trained specifically to help those of us with hearing loss. These dogs can let us know if someone is calling our name, if the doorbell rings, an alarm goes off, the kettle whistles, baby cries, or a wide range of other sounds (usually around 100 sounds).

As there are currently no active hearing service dog programs in Hawai'i, there are two ways to get a hearing service dog here:

1. Apply for one through a program on the US Mainland.
2. Train your own dog and have them pass a qualifying accredited service dog exam.

Programs on the US Mainland:

Canine Companions for Independence

This is one of the most reputable programs and is all over the mainland US. The dogs have been bred to be service dogs and have been trained for two years prior to being matched. The process is thorough. There is usually a 2-year wait, and a 2-week training process. It can be free. The result is a fully certified hearing service dog with national licensure.

For more information and to apply to the branch that specifically serves Hawai'i:

<https://canine.org/location/southwest/>

Dogs for Better Lives

Based in Oregon and Massachusetts, serves throughout the US



For more resources and support programs for individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing, or deaf-blind, please contact us at (808) 369-0499 or csc@csc-hawaii.org. Mahalo!

International Hearing Dog, Inc

Based in Colorado, serves throughout the US

Little Angels Hearing Service Dogs

Based in San Diego and New Hampshire, serves throughout the US

PAWS With a Cause

Serves throughout the US.

NOTE:

If you get a service dog on the Mainland, be sure to read up on [government guidelines and rules for bringing your dog back into Hawai'i](#).

Information on Training Your Own Dog:

This is where you go to the trainer with your own dog. It requires a lot of training, and you want to be sure to get a trainer who can train your dog to accredited service dog standards.

[Assistance Dogs International](#)



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