ASSISTANCE DOGS
DOGS HELPING PEOPLE

KSDS
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1. Start with a square piece of paper placed with one of the corners facing you. Fold the top corner down to line up with the bottom corner to form a triangle.

2. Somewhere between 1/3 and 1/2-way across the top of your triangle, fold one of the corners down toward the triangle’s point but sticking over the edge of the paper. Repeat this fold with the other corner. These flaps will be your origami dog’s ears.

3. Make a fold along the bottom point of the original triangle to create your origami dog’s chin.

4. Now for the finishing touches! Draw a face on your dog and give him a name!

Fun Fact: When dogs are in their harness they are working and need to concentrate on their partner. Please do not pet or distract a dog who is working.

Fun Fact: KSDS was the first in the nation to train both guide dogs and service dogs in the same facility.
Most of the puppies, Labrador Retrievers and Golden Retrievers, are born at KSDS. Puppies are given a lot of attention and care. Here, they have a great beginning for their eventual work as an assistance dog.

KSDS is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that trains guide dogs, service dogs, and facility dogs to help people with disabilities gain independence.

To find out more about KSDS visit our website: www.ksds.org, or write: 120 W. 7th Street, Washington, KS 66968.

KSDS is an accredited member of Assistance Dogs International, the lead organization setting the standards in the assistance dog industry. Learn more about them at www.assistancedogsinternational.org

Hills Pet Nutrition of Topeka provides premium Science Diet dog food to keep KSDS puppies and dogs in top physical condition.
KSDS just had a new litter of puppies born in their breeding center. Puppies are named based on a theme (ex. Lion King characters: Simba, Pumba, Timon, Sarabi, Nala). Think of a theme and name the puppies based on your theme. Be creative, these names are very special!

At 8 weeks, puppy raisers take the puppies into their homes for 12-18 months. They provide a loving environment and are responsible for basic training such as heel, sit, stay, come, down, and socialization both at home and in public.

Proper veterinary care is very important for assistance dogs. After the puppy is returned to KSDS for advanced training, a thorough health check is done on the puppies. If they pass, they continue in their training.
Test your matching skills. Which of the four puppies on the right matches the puppy on the left?

Fun Fact: Many puppies born at KSDS look alike. KSDS tattoos a specific number in the ears of puppies to help tell them apart. This number stays with the puppy throughout their lives.

ANSWERS: (Grey Puppy) 3rd from left, (White Puppy) 3rd from Left, (Brown Puppy) 4th from Left.

Trainers take great care in preparing the puppies for everything they will encounter while working. After his individual training the dog is matched with a partner.

In order to graduate, the team must train together at KSDS for up to 3 weeks. The youngest person to receive a KSDS assistance dog was 7 years old and the oldest was 83.
Guide dogs are trained to help people who are blind or visually impaired travel safely from one place to another. These dogs navigate sidewalks, alert to stairs, cross streets safely, and avoid obstacles. Guide dogs know left and right. They may be very helpful with object identification when asked to “find” a door, counter, elevator, chair, etc.

Connect the dots to find a puppy ready to learn how to help someone in their daily life.

Fun Fact: Puppy raisers take puppies into as many situations as possible.

Fun Fact: KSDS is one of the few accredited organizations that provide assistance dogs for children.

Service dogs provide assistance to people with physical disabilities. Some of their trained skills include: retrieving dropped or selected items; assisting in dressing and undressing; pulling wheelchairs; bracing for balance or transfers; turning lights on or off; and opening and closing doors.
KSDS facility dogs work with a professional in the field of education, counseling, medicine, rehabilitation, retirement, and specialty agencies. These dogs can model appropriate behavior, teach positive interaction, have a calming affect, and provide unconditional love.

Working partners become very close. They learn to work so closely with each other it is just like family. The people correct and praise their dogs just like parents with their children.

Test your mental skills by unscrambling these words about assistance dogs.

Fun Fact: Always get permission from an adult before approaching or petting any dog or other animal.

Fun Fact: KSDS offers their dogs to qualified applicants at no charge thanks to generous donors.

**WORD SCRAMBLE**

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ANSWERS: (Column 1) Puppy, Guide, Service, Partner (Column 2) KSDS, Labs, Gold
Can you help the visually impaired man with directions to tell his dog how to get to the mailbox?

Fun Fact: Guide dogs are trained to disobey commands when it puts their partner at risk.

Fun Fact: Guide dogs also watch out for obstacles, like low hanging branches or large holes.