QUBITS SPANISH WATER DOGS & GOTHAM PAW

LARGE-PRINT CLINICAL, PATIENT & FAMILY OVERVIEW | NEW YORK CITY & THE ADIRONDACKS

Preservation Spanish Water Dogs • Mentored by Breed Pioneer Lisa Harper

1. OUR CLINICAL & PRESERVATION MISSION IN NEW YORK CITY & THE ADIRONDACKS

- Preservation Breeding: Qubits Spanish Water Dogs is a small preservation breeding program for the Spanish Water Dog (Perro de Agua Espanol), one of the less common breeds in the United States. Every breeding dog is health-tested, and the results are published in the public OFA database.
- Mentored by Lisa Harper: Guided directly by Lisa Harper—lifelong board member and foundational figure who helped legitimize the Spanish Water Dog in America. Our founder also served on the national breed club Board of Directors and modernized the club's official website for the 21st century.
- Service Prospects: At least one puppy from every litter is evaluated as a service dog prospect. Puppies that pass are trained through Gotham Paw. Not every prospect completes training, and we say so up front.

2. SPINAL CORD INJURY (SCI) & NEUROMUSCULAR TASK SPECIALIZATION

- Bred for Work: We select breeding dogs for the temperament, focus, and soundness that service work demands, and we judge our lines by how they perform for handlers with disabilities.
- Conditions Served: Spinal Cord Injuries (paraplegia, tetraplegia, incomplete SCI), Cerebral Palsy (CP), Multiple Sclerosis (MS), ALS, post-stroke mobility deficits, and peripheral neuropathies.
- Core Trained Tasks: Dropped-object retrieval (medication, keys, phones, canes, orthotics) delivered to lap or hand; heeling beside a wheelchair or walker; pressing powered door buttons; tugging doors and drawers open; and deep pressure on cue. Tasks are chosen with the handler and their care team.

3. WHY PHYSICIANS, OTs, PTs & SENIORS PREFER THE SPANISH WATER DOG

- Practical Size (31–49 lb, 15.75"–19.75" at the shoulder, per the AKC standard): small enough to turn beside a power wheelchair and fit in a Manhattan elevator, strong enough for everyday retrieval work.
- Low-Shedding Single Coat (Never Brushed): sheds very little, which helps around wheelchairs and medical equipment. No dog is truly hypoallergenic. The coat is clipped to an even length a few times a year.
- Health Testing: Dudley and Molly are tested for hips, elbows, and eyes (CAER), and by DNA for prcd-PRA, NAD, and CHG. Their results are public on the OFA website (ofa.org), so you can check them yourself.

URGENT NOTICE FOR PROSPECTIVE SERVICE DOG CLIENTS & CLINICIANS:

Evaluating, matching, and custom task-training a neurological or mobility service dog to our standards is a thorough, multi-stage process. If you, your patient, or your family member are interested in a service dog prospect from our Fall 2027 / Spring 2028 litters (Dudley x Molly), please reach out to us ASAP:

- Email: info@SWDbreeder.com | Website: SWDbreeder.com
- Gotham Paw Service Animal Program: https://gothampaw.com/services/service-animal/

A. SERVICE DOG = INDIVIDUALLY TASK-TRAINED (FEDERAL ADA)

- Legal Status: Under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA, 28 CFR § 36.104), a service animal is a dog individually trained to do work or perform tasks for a person with a disability.
- Training Standard: Individually trained to perform specific physical or neurological tasks that directly mitigate a handler's diagnosed disability (e.g., SCI, Cerebral Palsy, MS), plus public-access proofing.
- Rights: Public access almost everywhere the public may go (stores, restaurants, hospitals, transit), plus reasonable accommodation in no-pet housing, including NYC co-ops and condos, under the Fair Housing Act.

B. FACILITY / VISITATION THERAPY DOG = COMFORTING OTHERS BY INVITATION

- Legal Status: A certified volunteer or clinical visitation dog that brings comfort to many people.
- Training Standard: Certified (e.g., AKC Therapy Dog, Pet Partners, Alliance of Therapy Dogs) for calm, gentle stability around hospital beds, nursing homes, rehabilitation clinics, and schools.
- Rights: Permitted inside hospitals, nursing homes, and schools BY INVITATION ONLY. Does not have personal ADA public-access rights in restaurants or stores where pets are not allowed.

C. EMOTIONAL SUPPORT ANIMAL (ESA) = HOUSING PROTECTION ONLY (FHA)

- Legal Status: A companion pet supported by a licensed healthcare provider's letter that provides comfort through companionship alone, without task training. It is not a service animal under the ADA.
- Rights & Limitations: An ESA has no public-access rights in restaurants, stores, or public venues, and airlines no longer have to accept ESAs. Its main protection is a reasonable accommodation in no-pet housing (rentals, co-ops, and condos) under the federal Fair Housing Act.

HOW TO APPLY OR SCHEDULE A CLINICAL / FAMILY CONSULTATION

1. Online Interactive Application: Visit https://swdbreeder.com/apply to submit your Service Dog, Therapy Dog, or Companion application directly online.
2. Fillable & Printable Application PDF: Download https://swdbreeder.com/qbits-puppy-application.pdf to type into the form fields on your computer or print and mail it in.
3. Direct Breeder & Trainer Contact: Email info@SWDbreeder.com anytime to request a 10-minute introductory phone consultation (patients, seniors, caregivers, and OTs/PTs are warmly welcomed).