



Partnership Promises More Service Dogs for Epilepsy Patients

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Seizure response dogs for epilepsy patients represent the fastest growing request received by Canine Assistants, a non-profit group that trains service animals. Thanks to a multi-year partnership signed yesterday with UCB Pharma Inc., the organization can now provide more of these dogs to more patients.

Under the partnership, UCB Pharma which manufactures an epilepsy medication provides support for the care, training and lifetime veterinary costs of all dogs given to epilepsy patients.

The commitment UCB has made to Canine Assistants is critical to our ability to realize the full potential for this program, said Jennifer Arnold, founder and executive director of Canine Assistants. The impact these dogs have is enormous recipients want to go back to school, they get involved in extra curricular activities again and they come out of their shells to lead more independent lives with a renewed sense of confidence.

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