



EPILEPSY FOUNDATION

Texas - Houston/Dallas-Fort Worth/West Texas

Seizure Alert Dogs

They are an alarm system. They are helpers, protectors and service providers. So-called seizure response dogs can be all these things – and more.

The term "seizure dog" covers a variety of activities associated with a service dog's response to an epileptic seizure. Some dogs have been trained to bark or otherwise alert families when a child has a seizure while playing outside or in another room. Some dogs learn to lie next to someone having a seizure to prevent injury. Others are said to be able to activate alarm systems. Dogs that are trained to respond in various ways when someone has a seizure are no different from service dogs for other disabilities. Public interest in seizure assistance dogs has fueled demand for dogs with these skills. Some people with epilepsy have found that trained seizure dogs help them with securing speedy assistance when a seizure occurs or alerting others for help. Dogs can be trained as service animals for people with seizures and the law protects a person's right to use the animal in any public place.

More details at Epilepsy Foundation National Office

<http://www.epilepsyfoundation.org/livingwiththeepilepsy/healthandwellness/Seizure-Dogs.cfm>

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