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English Version

Assistance Dogs - Part 4: Training and Assessment

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European foreword

This document (prEN 17984-4:2024) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 452 “Assistance Dogs”, the secretariat of which is held by UNI.

This document is currently submitted to the CEN Enquiry.

This document is part of a series of European Standards under the general title *Assistance Dogs*, which will comprise the following parts:

- *Part 1: Vocabulary*
- *Part 2: Lifetime welfare*
- *Part 3: Competencies for assistance dogs’ professionals*
- *Part 4: Pre-training, Training and Tasks*
- *Part 5: Client Services*
- *Part 6: Accessibility and Universal Access*
- *Part 7: Conformity assessment*

Introduction

Training assistance dogs is a specialist skill requiring a clear understanding of positive reinforcement training methods and a focus on supporting the dog to achieve the requisite skills to support a person with a disability or condition.

High standards of animal welfare are critical to ensure each dog is able to thrive and support the client effectively. The training standards outlined are the minimum required to ensure positive outcomes in terms of training assistance dogs.

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