



Read the book 'We Come as a Pair' on the HEAL Healthcare website, and work through this reflection and activity at your own pace on your own or with your colleagues.

Websites from across Canada listing the Rights and Responsibilities of the Public to Service Dogs and their Handlers:

-  NORTHWEST TERRITORY
-  BRITISH COLUMBIA
-  ALBERTA
-  SASKATCHEWAN
-  MANITOBA
-  ONTARIO
-  QUEBEC
-  NEW BRUNSWICK
-  PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND
- PDF • ACT
-  NOVA SCOTIA
-  NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADOR
-  FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

ACTIVITY FOR “WE COME AS A PAIR”

In healthcare, empathy is not just a skill—it’s a responsibility. As medical professionals, understanding the lived experiences of others is essential to providing inclusive, compassionate, and de-colonized care. This assignment builds on the themes explored in *We Come as a Pair*, the children’s book about service dogs and their diverse roles, including care for invisible disabilities such as psychiatric care and allergen detection.

Service dogs play a vital role in the lives of individuals with disabilities, yet misunderstandings about their rights and access often lead to challenges in public and healthcare spaces. **THIS ASSIGNMENT CHALLENGES YOU TO PUT YOURSELF IN THE SHOES OF INDIVIDUALS AND THEIR SERVICE DOGS.** Create an engaging, informative poster that outlines the rights and responsibilities of healthcare providers/facilities when it comes to service dogs. *To learn more about service dog laws and rights in your province, click the links to the left.*

YOUR POSTER SHOULD BE:

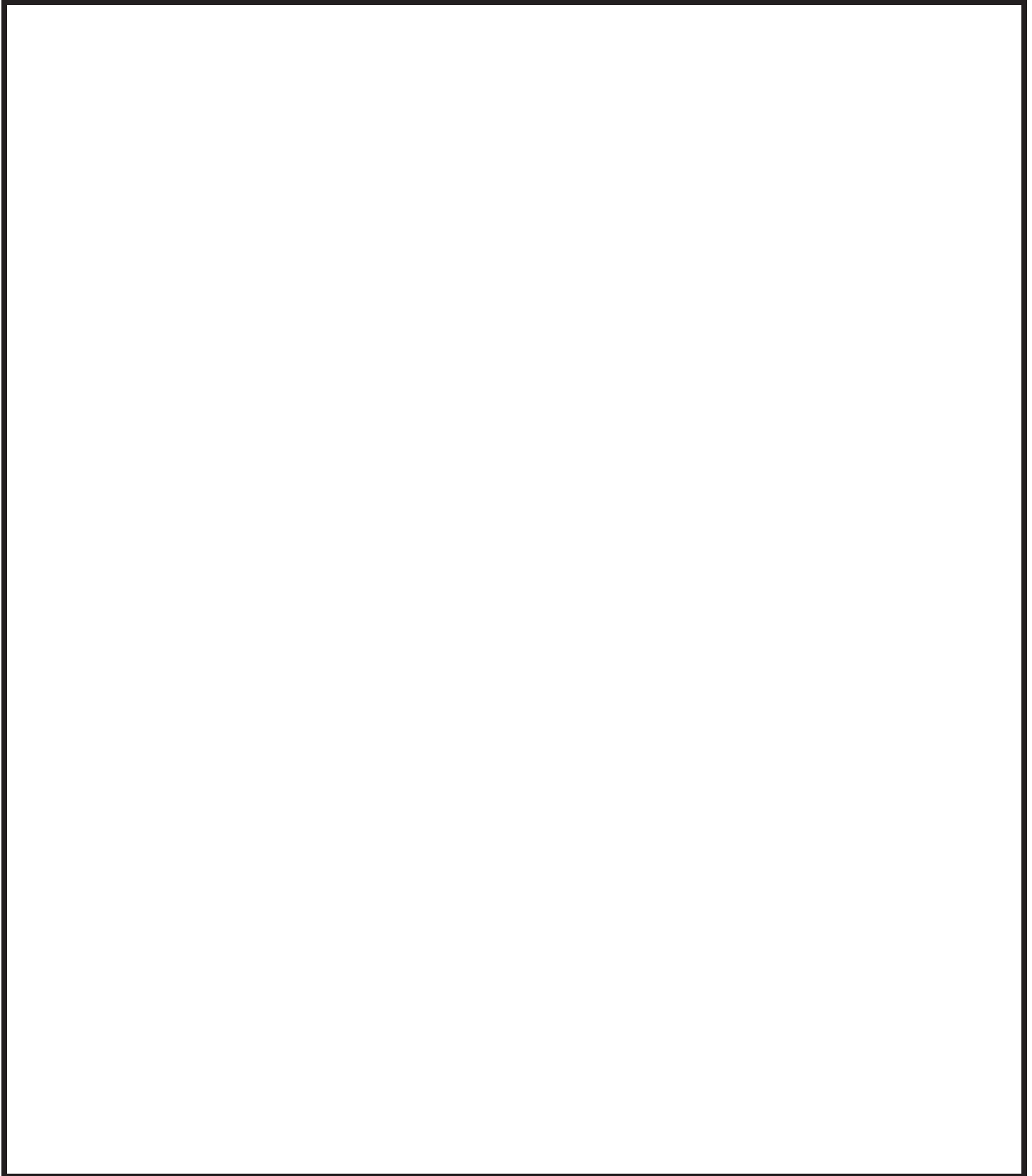
- **Eye-catching:** Use visuals and design elements that draw attention.
- **Informative:** Clearly communicate the laws/policies and best practices surrounding service dog access to healthcare spaces.
- **Empathetic:** Reflect a deep understanding of the barriers faced by service dog handlers and how healthcare practices and facilities can better support accessibility.

Through this activity, you will deepen your awareness of how medical and societal systems impact individuals with disabilities, and, help others learn how to practice the kind of thoughtful communication that promotes equity and inclusion.

Feel free to use one of the templates included, or create your own!



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