QUBITS SPANISH WATER DOGS & GOTHAM PAW

LARGE-PRINT CLINICAL, PATIENT & FAMILY OVERVIEW | UPPER EAST SIDE, NEW YORK CITY

Preservation Spanish Water Dogs • Mentored by Breed Pioneer Lisa Harper

1. OUR CLINICAL & PRESERVATION MISSION ON THE UPPER EAST SIDE OF NYC

- Preservation Breeding in America: Qubits Spanish Water Dogs is one of only five active preservation Spanish Water Dog (Perro de Agua Espanol) breeders in the United States. Our founder is the youngest breeder by 30 years, operating with the exact same rigor and health standards as the senior pioneers.
- 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.
- Guaranteed Service Allocation: At least ONE puppy from every Qubits litter is transferred directly into our Service Animal Program at Gotham Paw (https://gothampaw.netlify.app/services/service-animal/).

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

- Why We Prove Dogs in Service Work Instead of AKC Conformation Shows: Rather than chasing weekend beauty ribbons, our bloodlines are proven as real-world medical equipment 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; wheelchair/walker side-heeling; ADA push-plate button activation; door/drawer tugging; and calming Deep Pressure Therapy (DPT) to interrupt neuromuscular spasticity and clonus.

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

- Ideal Mobility Size (35–48 lbs, 15.75"–19.75"): Compact enough to turn effortlessly beside power wheelchairs and fit inside Manhattan elevators or under hospital beds, yet muscular enough for heavy retrieval.
- Single, Non-Shedding Coat (Never Brushed): Leaves zero shedding hair on wheelchair cushions, catheters, transfer boards, or hospital floors. Maintained in a clean utility clip 2–4 times per year.
- Full OFA CHIC Health Clearances: Sire Dudley & Dam Molly hold passing OFA Hips, OFA Elbows, annual board-certified ophthalmologist (CAER) Eye clearances, and Clear DNA for prcd-PRA, NAD, and CHG.

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: dog@cmejo.com | Website: https://qbits-swd.netlify.app
- Gotham Paw Service Animal Program: https://gothampaw.netlify.app/services/service-animal/

LEGAL & CLINICAL COMPARISON: SERVICE DOG vs. THERAPY DOG vs. ESA (PAGE 2)

A. TASK-TRAINED SERVICE DOG = LEGAL MEDICAL EQUIPMENT (FEDERAL ADA)

- Legal Status: Under the federal Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA, 28 CFR § 36.104), a task-trained service dog is legally classified as a piece of MEDICAL EQUIPMENT (like a wheelchair or medical device).
- 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.
- Full Rights: Full federal public-access rights everywhere the public goes (hospitals, restaurants, stores, transit, workplaces) AND full housing exemption in no-pet NYC co-ops/rentals 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 non-pet restaurants or stores. Many Qubits dogs serve as Therapy Dogs.

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

- Legal Status: A companion pet supported by a licensed healthcare provider's letter that provides comfort through companionship alone, without disability task training. It is NOT medical equipment under the ADA.
- Rights & Limitations: An ESA has ZERO public-access rights in restaurants, stores, or public venues. Legally, an ESA designation under the federal Fair Housing Act (FHA) ONLY protects renters from being evicted or denied housing by a landlord whose building does not allow pets.

HOW TO APPLY OR SCHEDULE A CLINICAL / FAMILY CONSULTATION

1. Online Interactive Application: Visit https://qbits-swd.netlify.app/apply to submit your Service Dog, Therapy Dog, or Companion application directly online.
2. Fillable & Printable 2-Page Application PDF: Download https://qbits-swd.netlify.app/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 dog@cmejo.com anytime to request a 10-minute introductory phone consultation (patients, seniors, caregivers, and OTs/PTs are warmly welcomed).