



Justice Facility Dogs US

A program of Courthouse Dogs® Foundation

Created in 2022, Justice Facility Dogs US (JFD-US) is an association of legal professionals who utilize professionally trained facility dogs to assist them in their daily work. As a program of Courthouse Dogs Foundation, JFD-US serves as the voice for facility dog handlers in the justice system.

A justice facility dog is a graduate of an assistance dog organization which has been accredited by Assistance Dogs International (ADI), the global authority in the assistance dog industry. After many months of expert training, the adult dog is screened for safety in public, and partnered with a professional working in the justice system, such as a law enforcement officer, victim advocate, forensic interviewer, SANE nurse, therapist, or attorney.

JFD-US promotes professional practices with a variety of activities, including:

- Continuing education for facility dog handlers in all aspects of the justice system, including the investigation and prosecution of crimes, family and juvenile courts, treatment courts, and support services for victims and witnesses
- Mentoring for new facility dog handlers
- Creation of state, regional, and national networking opportunities to promote the exchange of knowledge among handlers
- Maintenance of a wide array of resources for the use of handlers, such as sample briefs, a bibliography of scientific articles, and educational materials.

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