



## **Service Dog Protocols for DAV National Convention**

We understand the excessive heat in Arizona requires special care and advance planning for veterans who have service dogs who will be working throughout the event.

### **Hydration**

Just as humans need additional hydration in dry, excessive heat locations such as Phoenix, service dogs also need extra hydration. Please ensure you are providing water often. We recommend owners bring collapsible bowls for use throughout the event. Water stations for humans can be used to fill your collapsible bowls.

Additionally, during normal convention hours, DAV will provide a service dog water station at the back of Exhibit Hall 1 in booth 809.

### **Protect Service Dog's feet and paws from burning**

It is important to ensure all service dogs' paws are protected from the hot streets and sidewalks. While we will have an emergency supply of boots available, we will not be able to fit every size. We expect owners to purchase boots prior to convention to ensure paws are properly protected.

### **Relief Areas**

Since we are in a downtown area, green space is limited, but available at the following locations.

- 5<sup>th</sup> and Monroe Street: Heritage Square and Science Park
- 5<sup>th</sup> and Van Buren Street: Arizona Center

DAV will provide an indoor relief area in the back of Exhibit Hall 1, located at booth 821 during normal convention hours.

Phoenix Dog Parks: <https://www.visitphoenix.com/things-to-do/outdoors/dog-parks/>

Veterinary Clinic search: <https://www.findpawpal>