

# Information on entry to the Silesian Culture Centre in Nakło Śląskie with a guide or assistance dog

## Legal basis

In accordance with the law in force (Act on Vocational and Social Rehabilitation and Employment of Persons with Disabilities of 27 August 1997 (Journal of Laws 2011.127.721, as amended), Article 20a), a person with a disability using the services of an assistance dog may enter public facilities and railway, road, air and water transport vehicles and public transport vehicles with the dog. Types of assistance dogs and information included in the certificate issued for an assistance dog are specified in the Regulation of the Minister of Labour and Social Policy of 1 April 2010 on issuing certificates confirming the status of an assistance dog (Journal of Laws 2010, No. 64, item 399), Annex 1.

## Types of assistance dogs:

- a guide dog that assists people with visual impairments
- an assistance dog (service dog) trained to help a person with a mobility impairment who is unable to carry out certain tasks independently; this type of assistance dog usually specialises in lifting, handing, opening and pressing
- a signal dog for the hearing impaired, which does its job by drawing the caregiver's attention to certain sounds and then leading to the source of that sound
- a dog that signals an attack of illness (e.g. epilepsy, heart disease) and alerts the owner or people in the immediate vicinity.

## The certificate that a person with a disability must carry with them should include:

- place and date of issue of the certificate,
- the number and date of entry in the register kept by the Government Plenipotentiary for Persons with Disabilities,
- the breed, name and date of birth of the dog,
- name and surname of the person with disabilities assisted by the dog,
- the legal basis for issuing the certificate and the seal and signature of the issuing body.

An assistance dog, by virtue of its function, is exempt from wearing a muzzle and leash. However, it must be fitted with a special harness and the person using the dog's services must bring a certificate confirming its status and certificates of the required veterinary vaccinations. At the same time, all the rights of a person with a disability using an assistance dog do not exempt him from liability for damage caused by the dog.