

# Special Skills Dogs of Canada

Megan is a young woman who has cerebral palsy and requires the use of a power wheelchair. Where many have seen her disability as a hindrance.

After years of obstacles, Megan applied for a Special Skills Dog Guide. These Dog Guides are trained to complete a variety of skills which include picking up dropped items, opening and closing doors, assisting their handler getting in and out of bed, operating light switches and activating alert systems.

Megan's Dog Guide Ice has provided her with safety and independence. Megan lives alone and if her wheelchair were to get stuck, or worse, if she were to fall out, there's now someone close by to call for help. Megan feels that Ice gives her "a unique sense of comfort and stability that I don't think anyone else could even begin to comprehend. Ice just isn't any dog, he's special and he's an extension of me".

