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# PHARM DOG



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*Pets  
Helping  
Agriculture  
In  
Rural Missouri*

**PHARM® Dog-  
Helping Farmers to  
“Heel” and “Heal”™**

## The AgrAbility Project

was created to assist people with disabilities who work in agriculture. The project was designed to provide practical education and assistance that promotes independence in agricultural production and rural living.

### Those Eligible for Services

may have any type of disability – physical, cognitive, or illness-related, for example:

- amputation
- arthritis
- back injury
- blindness or vision impairment
- cancer
- cardiac problem
- cerebral palsy
- cognitive impairment
- deafness or hearing impairment
- diabetes
- mental illness
- multiple sclerosis
- muscular dystrophy
- post-polio syndrome
- respiratory problem
- spinal cord injury
- stroke
- traumatic brain injury

*Promoting Success in  
Agriculture for People  
with Disabilities and  
their Families*

**If service dogs can help  
persons with disabilities  
in general, why can't a  
service dog be trained to  
assist with daily chores  
for farmers that may  
have a disability, disease,  
or disorder?**



The PHARM Dog project, **Pets Helping Agriculture in Rural Missouri**, is the brain child of AgrAbility Rural Outreach Specialist, Jackie Allenbrand. When she joined the MO AgrAbility Team in 2005, she was already thinking about how she could help make life easier for farmers with disabilities. Service or herding dogs can be trained to do a variety of things. In the case of a farmer, helpful tasks include: retrieving tools, being taught to stand and brace, mobility, opening a latch gate system, herding, and the dog could also provide emotional support such as dealing with anxiety.

