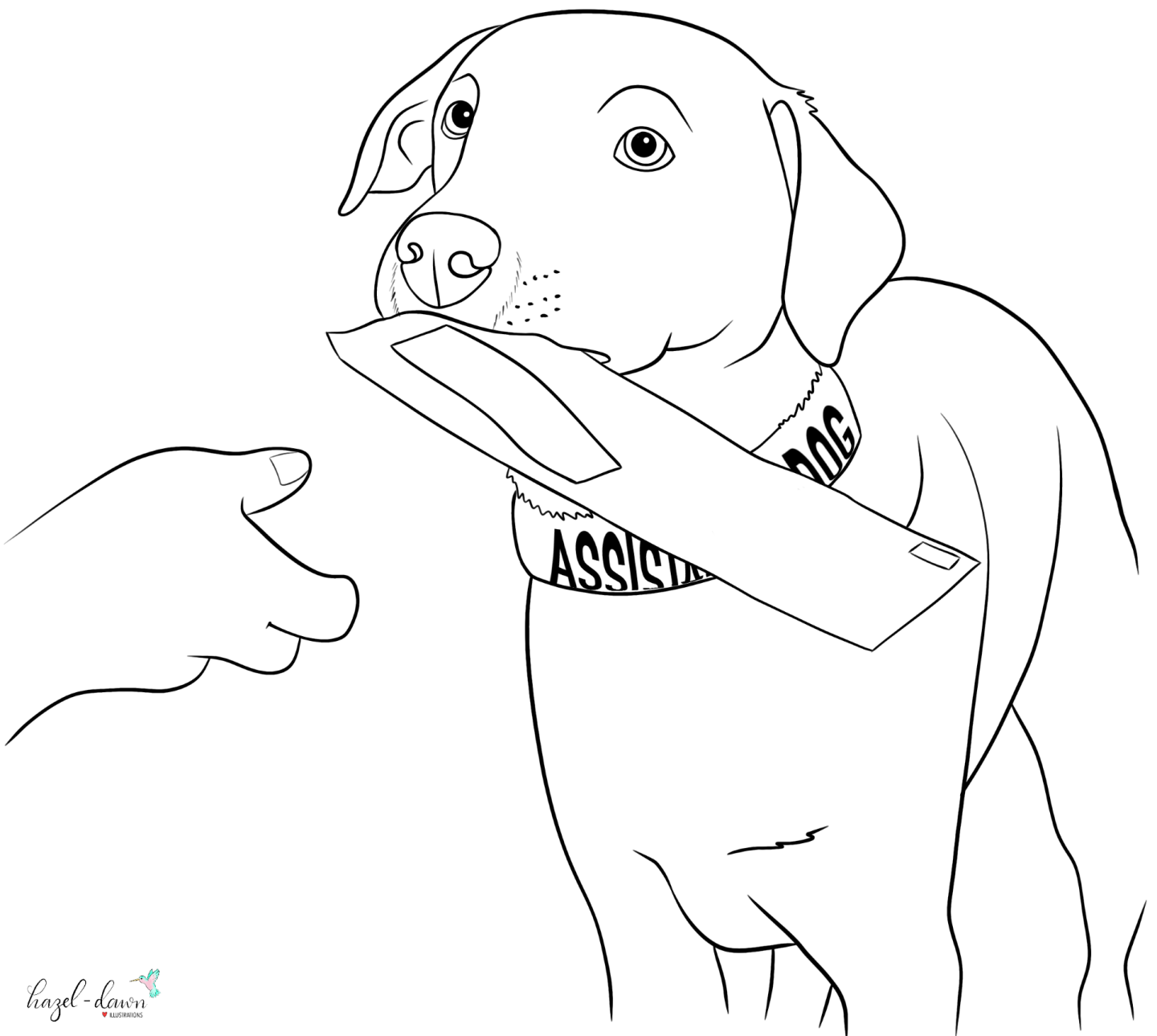


CAN ANY DOG BE AN ASSISTANCE DOG?

Any breed, size, colour, or type of dog can be an assistance dog. This means that a small dog like a Chihuahua and a large dog like a Great Dane can both be trained to perform this special job.

However, remember an assistance dog has been taught to help their disabled handler. So not all doggies are assistance dogs.



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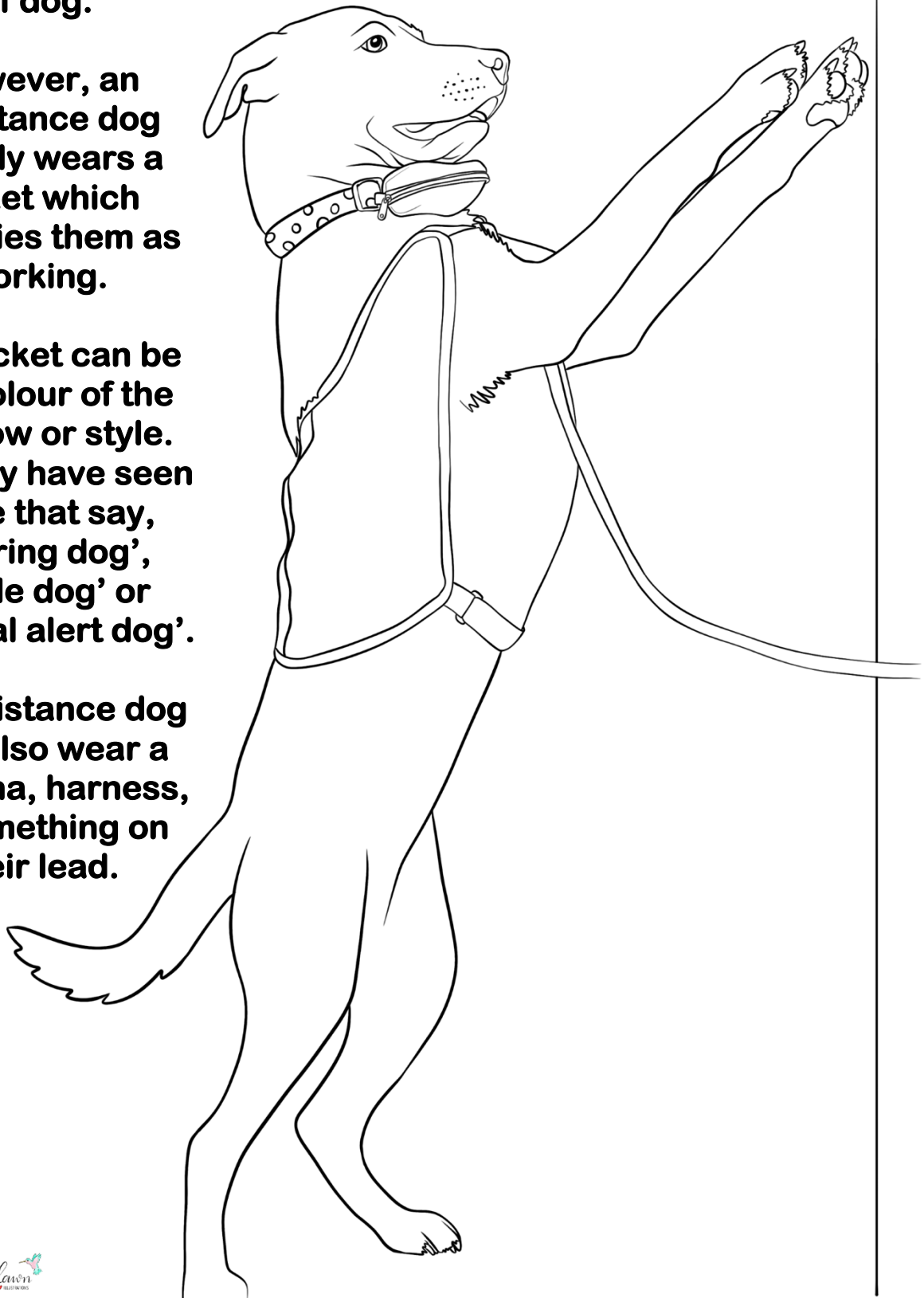
WHAT DOES AN ASSISTANCE DOG LOOK LIKE?

An assistance dog can be any breed, size, colour, or type of dog.

However, an assistance dog usually wears a jacket which identifies them as working.

The jacket can be any colour of the rainbow or style. You may have seen some that say, 'hearing dog', 'guide dog' or 'medical alert dog'.

An assistance dog may also wear a bandana, harness, or something on their lead.



WHAT IS A MEDICAL ALERT DOG?

A medical alert doggie uses their nose and sense of smell to notice when their owner's body changes.

Because the owner has a disability this change may be dangerous.

So, the doggie can let the owner know so they can keep safe.

Please don't touch, feed, or distract a working doggie as they might miss an important change.



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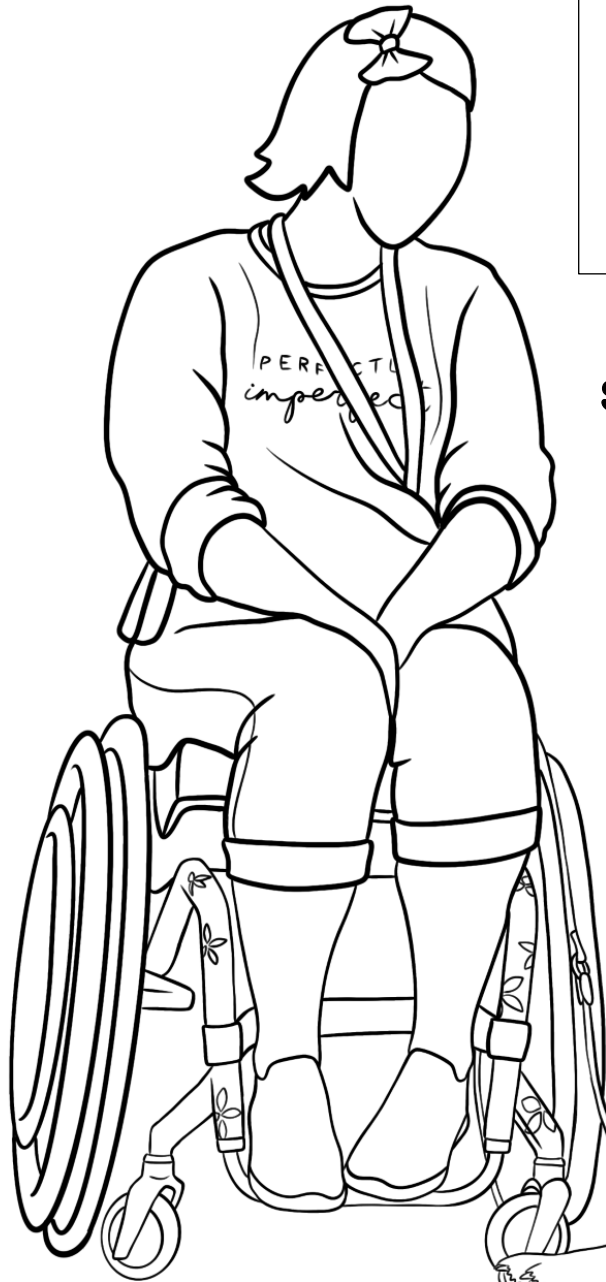
I am an assistance dog. This means that I have a very special job to do.

It is important you don't touch me, as I am not a normal doggie.

I have been taught how to help my owner because they have a disability.

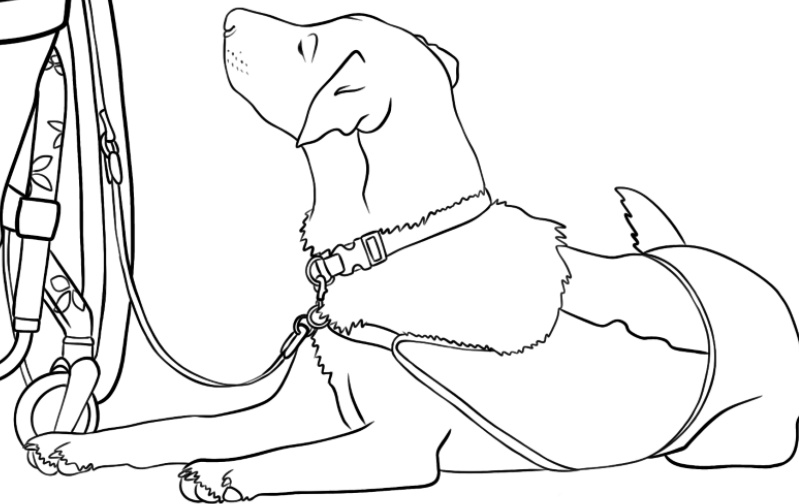
I allow my owner to live a normal life which they couldn't do without me.

WHY DO I USE A WHEELCHAIR?



There are many reasons why someone may use a wheelchair. Some wheelchair users can walk and stand, but struggle to do this for a long time so need to use a wheelchair. Other people may have a disability which changes or worsens throughout the day and so they may only need to use a wheelchair some of the time.

Somebody's reason for using a wheelchair may or may not be visible.



Did you know that there are so many different types of aid's somebody may use because of their disability?

For example, a chair to sit down in the shower or a walking stick.