

K9s for Vets

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ASSISTANCE / SERVICE DOG APPLICATION

Thank you for your time and interest in our service dogs. Filling out this application does not guarantee we can place a dog with you; however, every consideration will be given. Because of the high demand for these dogs, we must give priority to those applicants who demonstrate the most need for a working-dog. This application shall be used by our Instructors to evaluate applicant's needs. All information is privileged and will be considered confidential.

DEMOGRAPHICS

Are you a US veteran? Yes No

Are you active military? Yes No

Name: _____

Home phone: _____

Cell phone: _____

Work phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Applicant's Date of Birth: _____

Height: _____ Weight: _____ Age: _____

If you are not fluent in English, in what language(s) are you fluent?

Referred by: _____

PHYSICAL HISTORY

Please describe any physical limitations or limiting medical conditions that you have, and believe a service dog could assist you with:

Do you have any hearing loss? Yes No

Degree of hearing loss: _____

Are you visually impaired? Yes No

Degree of sight loss: _____

Describe your routine which includes travel:

How would you rate your confidence as an independent traveler?

Very Confident Confident Somewhat Confident Not Very Confident Not Confident

PREVIOUS SERVICE DOG(S)

Have you previously used an assistance dog? Yes No

Have you ever applied to another school for an assistance dog? Yes No

Please list schools and status of application

Schools where you have received assistance dog training.

Date you received your first dog: _____

Date you last used a dog: _____

Are you able to adequately maintain an assistance dog? Yes No

(Food and equipment cost approximately \$100.00/month including basic veterinary care.)

HOME ENVIRONMENT

I live in a: House Duplex Apartment Retirement Facility Mobile Home

Do you: RENT or OWN your home?

If you rent:

Name of apt. complex: _____

Landlord's Name: _____

Landlord's Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Describe the home environment and where a dog would live. (Size, number of rooms, upstairs, ground floor, noisy, cluttered, etc) furniture table

Do you have a yard? Yes No is it fenced? Yes No

If your yard is fenced, please tell us its size: Length: _____ Width: _____ Height:

If you have a yard that is not fenced but can be fenced? Yes No

We may ask you to do this before accepting you to our wait list.

TYPE OF DOG

If there are too many distractions for your Assistance Dog, it will not work well for you. If you have another dog in the house, we may have it temperament tested before placing a service dog. Young dogs/puppies are forbidden to live with a service dog, at any time. You can have other pets, like cats, but we need to know what you have so we can pick the right dog that can live with those pets. We also reserve the right to determine whether our dog can live in an apartment. We will assign a dog to you and based on the bonding process, you decide if it is suitable for your needs.

Have you ever had a dog before? Yes No If yes, what kind?

Do you have a dog now? Yes No If yes, how old is your dog?

If you don't have your dog anymore, please explain why:

Yes No Do you have any other pets? If yes, what kind?

What kind of dog do you NOT want? _____

Do you like to play with dogs? Yes No

Are you ok with being licked by a dog? Yes No

Do you like to take walks with dogs? Yes No

Do you mind a dog following you all day? Yes No

Do you mind having dog hair on your clothes and furniture? Yes No

Will your dog to have access to your entire home? Yes No

Do you mind dogs on your furniture? Yes No

SIZE OF DOG

I understand that I need to be able:

- Lift my dog into a car
- Walk my dog on leash
- Have a dog jump on me
- Keep control of my dog at all times

Strength

I understand most service dogs are 25-60 pounds.

I have enough strength to handle a dog that weighs (circle one):

Under 10 lbs Up to 25 lbs Up to 40 lbs greater than 40 lbs

Comment:

Mobility

I get out of bed daily. Yes No

I can get up and down, and follow a dog to a sound many times a day. Yes No

Comment:

Balance

I have a problem with my balance. Yes No

I am able to handle a dog jumping on me many times a day. Yes No

I am able to handle a dog pulling on its leash. Yes No

If you have a problem with balance, please explain:

Restricted Use of Arms or Hands

I have restricted use of my arms or hands. Yes No

If yes, please explain:

Walking

I am able to walk 1 mile and climb stairs. Yes No

If no, please explain:

Impaired Vision

I have a vision loss. Yes No

If yes, please explain:

Allergies

I am, or someone living with me is allergic to dogs. Yes No

If yes, please explain:

Emotional or Mental Challenges

I have emotional or mental challenges. Yes No

If yes, please explain:

List Other Health Conditions – Please Give Details:

Are you currently under treatment by a physician, psychiatrist, or psychologist?

Yes No

If yes, please explain:

Comments/Questions

I have the following comments or questions about what is physically required of me:

CARING FOR A DOG

For a Service Dog to work well for you, you must be the person to feed, exercise and care for the dog. You need to set up daily practice with the dog for each task he does for you, preferably at a time when you are not tired.

I am able to care for the dog myself. Yes No

I understand that it is important for me to be the one to feed, exercise, potty and practice sounds with the dog so he learns to listen to and obey me.

Comment:

Describe a typical day for you. Can you think of anything in your daily schedule that could interfere with your time with a dog?

(Example: caring for children, a busy work schedule, etc.)

I am willing and able to patiently teach a trained Service Dog to listen to and respond to me. Yes No

This means I may participate in, obedience classes with the dog and I will set up daily practice with my dog.

FAMILY ASSISTANCE

For a Service Dog to work well for you, everyone living in your home must like dogs and be happy to have a Service Dog work for you. They must be willing to support you getting a dog and let the dog work the tasks for you consistently. Setting up regular practice sessions with your dog includes asking others to help you by calling on the phone, knocking on your door or setting off your smoke alarm (i.e. for Hearing Dogs).

Who will you ask to help you?

I have talked with everyone I live with about getting a Service Dog. They support my decision to apply for a Service Dog. Yes No

If no, please explain:

I have talked with everyone I live with about their willingness to let a dog work for me. Everyone I live with agrees they will not answer the phone or the door if I want the dog to work those sounds for me.(i.e. For Hearing dogs) Yes No

Comments:

I like dogs and other people living in my home like dogs. Yes No

If not, please explain:

I am afraid of dogs or other people living in my home are afraid of dogs. Yes No

If yes, please explain:

FAMILY ENVIRONMENT

Please list the other people living in your home.

Name	Age	Relationship to you
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Are there any of them with a physical (hearing, sight, mobility) disabilities? Yes
No

If yes, please explain:

Are there any of them with any emotional challenges? Yes No

If yes, please explain:

Work/School? Yes No

Hours

_____ to _____

SOUND AWARENESS (HEARING DOGS) Skip page for other types of Service Dog

Hearing Dogs are trained to alert you to sounds in your home and in some workplaces.

They can be trained to specific sounds such as the door-knock or alarm clock in hotels.

They do not provide this same awareness out in public situations such as the mall or grocery store. In these situations, a Hearing Dog is naturally attentive to

environmental sounds and it becomes the responsibility of the deaf or hard of hearing partner to watch where their dog's attention goes to be aware of those sounds.

I need a Hearing Dog to help me with the following sounds:

Fire/smoke Alarm: Yes No

Telephone: Yes No

Oven Timer: Yes No

Alarm Clock: Yes No

Other: Yes No

Other: Yes No

Doorbell/Door Knock: Yes No

Name Call: Yes No

Baby Cry: Yes No

Other: Yes No Please specify _____

Other: Yes No Please specify _____

Other: Yes No Please specify _____

Do you wear hearing aids? Yes No

If yes, how often _____

When do you take them out? _____

Do you have a cochlear implant? Yes No

If yes, when do you take the external unit off? _____

Do you plan to have a cochlear implant? Yes No

If yes, when are you scheduled for surgery? _____

Please describe your hearing loss.

What sounds can you hear in your home?

What sounds do you often miss both in and out of the home?

SERVICE DOGS AND PUBLIC ACCESS (ADA Title III)

What a Service Dog cannot do

I understand a Service Dog is not trained to pull me out of the way of traffic or to alert me to sirens. Yes No

I understand a Service Dog will naturally pay attention to sounds outside my home. When I watch him, I understand this will help me know what is happening around me. Yes No

Work, School or Other Public Places

It may or may not be right for you to have a Service Dog go with you into public places that normally do not allow dogs. Before you can be considered for a dog that is trained for going into public, you must be 18 years of age and willing to take your dog into public at least 3 times a week to practice obedience with you.

I plan to take my dog into public places at least three times a week

- I do not plan to take a dog with me into public places at least three times a week
- I work (or attend school) in an environment that is safe and comfortable for a dog, and
- I want a dog to help me with tasks at work (or school).
- I work (or attend school) but I do not want to take a dog with me.

If I do not intend to take a Service Dog with me when I go to work or school, when I'm at work or school, this is how my dog will be cared for:

If I need to leave my dog home alone on occasion, the following people would be available to care for my dog (to take the dog out to potty and exercise). Please list their names

Where do you work and what do you do for a living?

What are your regular work hours?

_____ to _____

Do you work overtime?

- Yes No Sometimes

Scheduling for Work or School

If you will be taking your dog to school, what school do you attend?

How many credit hours do you take? _____

I have discussed bringing a dog to work or school with my boss, co-workers or teachers. Their response was:

FINANCIAL

Our trained Service Dogs are provided to you free of charge, but you are solely responsible for all costs of keeping your Service Dog fed, healthy and working for you. Normal, on-going costs for a Service Dog include: dog food, toys and treats for training rewards, regular vet checkups, and sometimes emergency vet treatment and grooming.

We estimate the yearly cost of having a Service Dog to be \$1000.00.

We do not recommend you apply for a Service Dog if it will be a financial hardship.

I understand, I'm fully responsible for the care of the dog when lives with me. Yes

No

I expect and am able to pay for yearly vet expenses. Yes No

I understand that to keep a Service Dog working I will need to buy new treats and toys on an ongoing basis each time it learns or does a new task. Yes No

I understand I need to feed my Service Dog a high quality dog food. Yes No

How will you pay for a Service Dogs Veterinary?

I can afford to pay whatever it takes to keep my Service Dog healthy and working for me.

I can afford to pay up to: _____

If this isn't enough **I do** have a family member willing to provide financial support.

I can afford to pay up to: _____

I do not have a family member willing to provide financial support.

In the event of extreme veterinary emergency expenses (i.e. \$1,500 bill):

I will be able to take care of the bill myself. Yes No

I'll be able to get help from friends/relatives. Yes No

I would need special financial assistance. Yes No

What is your source of income? _____

Have you or anyone living with you ever been convicted of a felony? Yes No

If yes, please explain:

AGREEMENT

Please tell us in your own words how you think a Service Dog will help you.

Please share anything else you would like us to know.

I understand that completing this form places neither me nor "K9s for Vets" under any obligation, but assists "K9s for Vets" in determining my eligibility for training. "K9s for Vets" does not discriminate against any applicant for admission to the "K9s for Vets" program based upon race, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, age, marital status, gender, or any other factor prohibited under local, state or federal laws. Any applicant denied admission may subsequently reapply and be reconsidered without prejudice. I hereby declare all information in this packet to be truthful, to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of Applicant's X _____ **Date** _____

If **under 18** years of age OR Applicant has a **Legal Guardian** or **Conservator**, please sign here. X _____ (Guardian/Conservator)

If the person filling out the application is other than the applicant, please explain why: