



The
Service Dog
Connection

VOLUNTEER SOCIALIZER & WHELPER HELPER APPLICATION

Volunteer's Legal Name: _____ DOB: _____

Preferred Name (if different): _____ Preferred Pronouns: _____

Parent/Guardian's Name(s) (if Volunteer is under 18): _____

PLEASE NOTE: Volunteers under the age of 18 years old must be accompanied by their parent/guardian during their volunteer shifts.

Cell Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Emergency Contact Phone: _____

Primary Email: _____

Secondary Email: _____

Home Address: _____

Mailing Address (if different): _____

Please describe your experience with dogs: _____

Socializers meet in public areas in Deschutes county with our trainer to help train and socialize groups of service dogs in training. Are you interested in being a Socializer? _____

Whelper Helpers assist in care, clean up, feeding, grooming, and socializing of our puppies when we have litters of future service dogs. Volunteer Whelper Helper shifts take place at our facility In Deschutes county. Are you interested in being a Whelper Helper when we have litters? _____

PLEASE MARK YOUR WEEKLY AVAILABILITY ON THE CALENDAR BELOW:

	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
8-10 AM							
10-NOON							
NOON-2 PM							
2-4 PM							
4-6 PM							
6-8 PM							

PLEASE NOTE: Volunteers do not need to have any former dog experience, but must be willing to learn our program's techniques. We are a service dog program that works closely with individuals with a variety of disabilities and medical conditions. The questions below are meant to give our staff information on how to support our volunteers best and place them in roles that play to everyone's strengths. We work hard to make our program as inclusive as possible, and will not tolerate discriminatory or unkind behavior from anyone in our program.

Volunteers are expected to be respectful and professional any time they are with our dogs and interacting with the public while participating in our program's activities.

	Yes	No	Important Notes:
Do you have any medical conditions that we should be aware of?			
Do you have any mobility impairments that may impact your volunteering?			
Do you have reliable transportation to our facility or public training locations?			
Are you comfortable working with large dogs?			
Are you able to lift 30 pounds?			
Are you comfortable working around and cleaning up dog bodily fluids?			
Do you have any environmental sensory sensitivity			
Are you able to stand for up to 2 hours at a time?			
Do you have your own service dog that you will want to have with you during your volunteering?			
Do you have any concerns about volunteering with The Service Dog Connection?			

Safety dress code for Volunteering:

Socializers are required to wear shoes that securely stay on feet (please no flip flops) and clothes that are comfortable to move around and get dirt on.

Whelpers Helpers are required to wear close-toed shoes and pants to protect against puppies jumping or teething. We also strongly suggest no clothes with dangling drawstrings, as these can be very tempting for puppies to try and grab. Please only wear clothes that you are comfortable getting dirty.