



4 Paws 2 Freedom

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Date

Dear Veterinarian,

_____ and their dog _____
have applied to 4 Paws 2 Freedom to become a service dog team. Please let us know if
this dog qualifies to be a service dog to help with
_____.

To perform successfully as a service dog, a dog must meet minimum health,
aptitude and physical requirements.

Each dog shall pass a basic physical exam that includes, at a minimum the following:

- ___ Eyes – Eyes shall be clear, free from disease and fully functional.
- ___ Hearing- Ears clean, free from disease, congenital problems and functional such that
the dog can perform required tasks
- ___ Skeletal/muscles- The dog shall have the normal skeletal/muscle structure and
function within normal limits for its breed or predominant breed. There shall be no
structural faults or deficiencies that would prevent it from performing the expected
tasks.
- ___ Heartworm screen
- ___ Immunizations – DHLPP (date) _____ RABIES (date) _____ 1 yr or 3 yr
- ___ Stool – the dog's stool shall be examined and free from ova, parasites and blood
- ___ Skin – the dog's skin shall be free of fleas, ticks, dermatitis/allergic reactions, mange
and other common ailments
- ___ Respiration – the dog shall have normal lung sounds, respiratory rate and rhythm
- ___ Heart – The dog shall have normal heart sounds and there shall be no heart
conditions detectable on exam that would prevent it from performing the expected
tasks.
- ___ Abdominal organs – the dog shall have normal results from the palpation of
abdominal organs
- ___ Teeth and Gums – the dog shall have clean and healthy teeth and gums free of
infections or other dental problems.
- ___ Temperament – the dog should behave in a friendly manner to both people and
other animals, should not display inappropriately fearful reactions to normal
experiences and should not behave in an excessively submissive or assertive manner.

The dog should display confidence and a willingness to interact with people in a novel environment.

Spay/Neuter – all service dogs must be spayed or neutered

Physically suited to the tasks required – the dog must possess the physical size, strength, conditioning, physical structure, etc, to be able to perform the expected tasks.

The dog shall not be overweight or underweight as determined by the examining veterinarian.

I have examined the above dog and in my opinion find him/her to:

meet or exceed the minimum requirements listed above for service dog work

Not be healthy enough for the additional stress of service dog work

Need further testing

Explain/describe: _____

Signature

Date

Print Name

Veterinary Hospital

Address

Phone

Service dogs provide valuable assistance to their human and we thank you for taking your time to be sure this dog is healthy and ready to learn new skills to help his/her person find new independence.

Sincerely,

Christine Leigh Taylor
Chairman of the Board
4 Paws 2 Freedom