



PUPPY ADOPTION APPLICATION

The Service Dog Connection has a handful of litters each year. Dogs being bred are carefully selected based on health and temperament to achieve high percentages of service dog candidates. All puppies are temperament tested to determine which pups are best for service dog work, therapy dog work, or pet homes. Those not suited for service work are then made available to be adopted into therapy dog or pet homes. When our program ends up with more service dog candidates than we have puppy raisers for, some of these service dog candidates also become available to other service dog programs and homes of people wanting to train their own service dog.

All parents of our litters are PennHip, OFA Elbow, OFA Cardiac, OFA Eye & Genetic tested. All puppies are raised with early neurological stimulation, Puppy Culture, and given the Volhard Puppy Aptitude Test at 7 weeks of age. Puppies are then given a vet check at 8 weeks of age before they go to their forever homes. While we do not guarantee the health or temperament of any puppy after they leave our care, The Service Dog Connection is happy to provide anyone receiving a puppy with copies of the parents' health tests, puppy weight and treatment charts, vet records from the 8 week vet visit, and a copy of the puppy's Volhard Puppy Aptitude Test.

The Service Dog Connection breeds Labradors, Golden Retrievers, Newfoundlands, Saint Bernards, and mixes of these breeds. Please tell us about your household or program below so we can best match you with a puppy from our breeding program.

Contact Person's Name: _____

Program Name (if applicable) _____

Email: _____

Cell Phone: _____ **Home Phone:** _____

Address: _____

What purpose are you intending to use the dog for?

- Pet**
- Emotional Support Dog** (no special public access, but provides comfort)
- Therapy Dog** (visiting facilities to bring joy to a community of people)
- Service Dog** (specifically task and public access trained to assist ONE person)

If you are wanting a therapy dog or service dog candidate, please explain the jobs/tasks that you hope your puppy will be able to assist with in the future: _____



What breeds are you open to? _____

Do you have a preference of male or female? _____

What temperament are you hoping your puppy will have? _____

Please tell us about your experience level raising/training puppies: _____

Please tell us about your experience level dealing with behavior issues such as potty accidents, chewing, biting, jumping, resource guarding, dog reactivity, fearfulness & separation anxiety. _____

If you have experienced these issues, how did you handle each of them? What methods were used? _____

Do you have a dog trainer that is ready to assist you with your new puppy? If so, please include their name, contact information, and social media or website: _____

Have you ever rehomed a dog? If so, explain why: _____

What reasons would you ever rehome a dog? _____



How much low intensity exercise do you plan to do with your dog each day (walking on leash)? _____

How much medium intensity exercise do you plan to do with your dog each day (playing with other dogs, uphill walking, etc)? _____

How much high intensity exercise do you plan to do with your dog each day (jogging on leash, running next to a bike, agility, swimming, hiking, etc)? _____

Do you plan to participate in dog sports with the dog? If so, what? _____

Where will your puppy be kept when unsupervised? _____

How will you keep the puppy from ingesting harmful items? _____

How long will the puppy be home alone each day? _____

Do you have a securely fenced yard? What material is the fencing and what is the fence height at its lowest point? _____

How large is your yard? _____

Do you own or rent your home? _____

Does your landlord know about the dog/puppy? _____

Are there any breed/size restrictions of dogs where you live? _____



_____ I agree not to breed the dog/puppy unless given written permission by The Service Dog Connection and all necessary health testing has been completed. Any litters from the dog/puppy that occur without written permission of The Service Dog Connection will become property of The Service Dog Connection.

_____ I agree to disclose any potentially hereditary conditions (including cancer, heart conditions, joint conditions, skin conditions, eye conditions, seizures and other neurological conditions) of the dog/puppy to The Service Dog Connection immediately to help prevent future genetic breeding lines from having these issues.

_____ I agree to return the dog/puppy to The Service Dog Connection in the event that I am no longer able to care for the dog. Any rehoming of the dog to another person must be pre-approved by The Service Dog Connection if not owned by a service dog program.

_____ I agree to discontinue the dog/puppy from service dog work if they are unable to pass the Assistance Dogs International Public Access Test by the age of 2 years old.

_____ I understand that The Service Dog Connection reserves the right to seize custody of the dog/puppy in the event of physical or emotional neglect or abuse to the dog/puppy under my care.

_____ I understand that I must travel to The Service Dog Connection to receive my dog/puppy unless other arrangements have been made and agreed to in writing by The Service Dog Connection staff. All travel/transportation costs of the dog/puppy are my responsibility to cover.

I, _____, have read and agree to the above terms of adopting a dog/puppy from The Service Dog Connection. I promise that the above information on this application is true to the best of my knowledge. The Service Dog Connection has the right to refuse or deny me the ability to adopt one of their dogs/puppies. Should my application be approved, staff of The Service Dog Connection will contact me when they believe that they have an available dog/puppy that meets my needs. Applicants are not matched with a dog/puppy based on the order that the application was received. Once matched, a 50% nonrefundable deposit is required to hold that dog/puppy for an individual until that dog/puppy is ready to go home.

Applicant's Name (Printed): _____

Applicant's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Applicant's Position (If Program is applying): _____