



## CAREER CHANGE DOG APPLICATION

**PLEASE UNDERSTAND THAT CAREER CHANGE DOGS ARE NOT SERVICE DOGS AND MAY NOT BE USED AS SUCH. THEY ARE NOT TRAINED AS THERAPY DOGS, BUT SOME COULD BE FURTHER TRAINED AND CERTIFIED FOR THERAPY DOG USE. CAREER CHANGE DOGS ARE DOGS THAT HAVE BEEN DEEMED UNFIT FOR SERVICE DOG WORK AND ARE ADOPTED OUT AS PETS.**

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address

Phone Numbers:

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

Home: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address (if different):

Work: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

Will there be anyone else caring for the dog besides you?    Y / N

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Email: \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, who? \_\_\_\_\_

Secondary Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### Current residents in your home:

Name	Age	Relationship to Applicant	Full or Part time Resident?	Comfort level / experience with dogs

The ages of other individuals that may stay overnight in your home: \_\_\_\_\_

Are all residents on board with bringing a dog into the house?    Yes / No

Are any residents allergic to dogs?    Yes / No    If yes, how severe? \_\_\_\_\_



Circle your type of residence:    House    Apartment    Condo    Townhouse    Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you own or rent? \_\_\_\_\_ If you are renting, does your landlord know about the dog?    Yes / No

Will the dog have access to all parts of your home?    Yes / No    If no, where will the dog be allowed? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have room for a crate in your residence?    Yes / No

Will the dog be allowed on furniture? \_\_\_\_\_

Where will the dog sleep at night? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a yard?    Yes / No    Approximate size of yard: \_\_\_\_\_ Is your yard securely fenced?    Yes / No

Height of fence at its lowest point: \_\_\_\_\_ Type of fencing: \_\_\_\_\_

If not fenced, how are you planning on taking the dog out for potty breaks? \_\_\_\_\_

**Pet history over the last 10 years:**

Type	Breed	Years Owned	Do you have this pet currently?	If not, please explain why:

Do current pets have experience with dogs? \_\_\_\_\_

Do current pets have preferences on size, temperament, sex etc. of new dog? \_\_\_\_\_

Are current dogs in the household spayed/neutered? \_\_\_\_\_



**Transportation**

Do you own a vehicle? Yes / No If yes, what type of vehicle do you drive? \_\_\_\_\_

How will your dog be secured in the vehicle? \_\_\_\_\_ Do you have room for a crate in your vehicle? Yes / No

What other types of transportation will you be using with the service dog? \_\_\_\_\_

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**While you are gone:**

How long will the dog be left home alone? \_\_\_\_\_

Where will the dog be kept when home alone? \_\_\_\_\_

Will you bring the dog with you when you travel? Yes / No If no, what will you do with them? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Dog Preferences:**

**NOTE: While we take your preferences into consideration, cannot guarantee that we will have a dog that meets all of your preferences.**

Please circle your preferences:

Size: Small (20-30lbs) Medium (31-45lbs) Large (46-65lbs) Extra Large (66+lbs) No Preference

Please explain why you would prefer this size: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: Male Female No Preference

Do you prefer a hypoallergenic dog? Yes / No If yes, is it due to allergies? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any grooming requirement preferences for your dog (low maintenance, short hair, long hair, etc): \_\_\_\_\_

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Do you have any breed preferences? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Please describe the personality of your ideal dog: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Is English your first language? Yes / No If not, will you need a translator? Yes / No

How will you communicate commands? English Speech Speech in Other Language: \_\_\_\_\_

Hand Signals Other: \_\_\_\_\_



**Exercise:**

Check all types of exercise that you plan to do with the dog:	
<input type="checkbox"/>	On-leash walking
<input type="checkbox"/>	Running / Jogging
<input type="checkbox"/>	Hiking
<input type="checkbox"/>	Dog Park
<input type="checkbox"/>	Off-leash beach play time
<input type="checkbox"/>	Off-leash at an unfenced park
<input type="checkbox"/>	Swimming
<input type="checkbox"/>	Running next to a bicycle
<input type="checkbox"/>	Playing in resident's yard
<input type="checkbox"/>	Agility
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other: _____

How frequently are you planning on exercising the dog? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

For how long? \_\_\_\_\_

Will the dog be playing frequently with other dogs? \_\_\_\_\_

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Do you have any disabilities that make it difficult to exercise the dog? \_\_\_\_\_

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Are there places for the dog to safely run around near your home? \_\_\_\_\_

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What challenges do you expect to face owning a career change dog? \_\_\_\_\_

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How much of the dog's training are you planning on upholding? \_\_\_\_\_

What would be a reason you would rehome your dog? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Can you afford an average cost of \$150 per month for food, routine vet care and supplies for a dog? Yes / No

Are you able to afford emergency veterinary bills that could cost several thousand dollars? Yes / No

If no, what is your plan to cover these costs if they arise? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Are you aware that owning a dog is a 10-15 year commitment? Yes / No

Where will the dog go if you can no longer care for it? \_\_\_\_\_

**\*NOTE: OUR CAREER CHANGE DOGS HAVE ADOPTION FEES RANGING FROM \$200-\$2,000 BASED ON HOW MUCH MONEY WE HAVE SPENT ON THEM, HOW MUCH TIME THEY WERE IN TRAINING, AND IF THEY HAVE ANY MEDICAL OR BEHAVIOR ISSUES. IF YOU HAVE A LIMIT ON ADOPTION PRICE, PLEASE NOTE IT HERE:**

Adoption Price Limit (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_



What do you expect your experience to look like before you receive the career change dog? \_\_\_\_\_

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How will you prepare to bring a new dog into your life, household? \_\_\_\_\_

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Is there anything else that you believe would be helpful for The Service Dog Connection staff to know about you and your family or your home? \_\_\_\_\_

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**\*PLEASE NOTE: WE DO NOT SHIP OUR DOGS VIA CARGO WITHOUT THE ACCOMPANIMENT OF THEIR OWNER ON THE PLANE. IF YOU DO NOT LIVE CLOSE ENOUGH TO US TO DRIVE, YOU HAVE THE OPTION OF FLYING TO US AND THEN FLYING BACK WITH YOUR DOG IN A COLLAPSIBLE CARRIER THAT CAN FIT UNDER YOUR SEAT, OR CHECK THE DOG IN A PLASTIC KENNEL. AIRLINE PET POLICY FEES FOR TRANSPORT ARE AT APPLICANT'S EXPENSE.**

How will you be receiving your career change dog from The Service Dog Connection? \_\_\_\_\_

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Fill out the calendar below with a general outline of what your average week looks like:

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6am							
7am							
8am							
9am							
10am							
11am							
noon							
1pm							
2pm							
3pm							
4pm							
5pm							
6pm							
7pm							
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9pm							
10pm							
11pm							

Applicant's FULL Legal Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*PLEASE ATTACH A LETTER OF REFERENCE FROM YOUR VETERINARIAN (IF NO VET HISTORY A LETTER FROM A FRIEND OR RELATIVE) & A PROFESSIONAL LETTER OF REFERENCE FROM SOMEONE YOU WORK WITH**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ agree that the information provided on this application is accurate.

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_