



Application for Ally Dog™ Training Program

At Teal Paws, we have a 2-step application process:
Complete this application return it via email or US postal service.
Once received, we will contact you for an in-person interview.

Date:

Name:

Date of Birth:

Gender:

Address (City/State/Zip):

Phone number:

Email:

Applicant Occupation:

Typical work week (hours at home/hours away at work/school):

Names, ages and relationships of persons living in the home with Applicant:

Are they supportive of you and your trauma recovery work? y or n

Do you have a dog that you are interested in having evaluated for this program? y or n

Are you interested in adopting a dog to become your Ally dog™? y or n

*Bringing a new dog into a family changes the dynamics of the ENTIRE household.

*Routines, attention, space all will need adjusting.

Are they prepared and accepting of this canine addition? y or n

Species and age of other animals living in the home with Applicant:

Do you know how to safely introduce a new dog to the household? y or n

On a scale of 1 -6, how would you rate your current level of dog handling skills:

- 1 I have never lived with a dog before.
- 2 I lived with dogs growing up, but parents took care of them.
- 3 I have lived with a dog as an adult but someone else handles most of their care.
- 4 I have adopted a dog and share the responsibilities of my dog's needs.
- 5 I have adopted a dog and am responsible (including financial) for all of my dog's needs (safety, feeding, training, health, etc).
- 6 I consider myself a proactive pet parent. I am totally responsible for my dog and do whatever I need (including educating myself) to provide for All of my dog's needs.

Describe your daily activities/lifestyle:

At Teal Paws, we define an Ally Dog™ as a dog partnered with a survivor of sexual trauma to lend support through their skills and companionship. Under the law, an Ally Dog™ is an Emotional Support Dog.

What tasks are you hoping your Ally Dog™ can assist you with?

Are you flexible with those goals? y or n

Please provide name, phone numbers, and email address for two (2) individuals who have agreed to provide support in the form of providing an immediate and temporary home for your Ally Dog™ in case of an emergency.

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Teal Paws Training Program has three levels:

ESA (Emotional Support Animal) Ally Dog™ provides companionship and general skills/manners training. The Ally Dog™ team can go into any public entity that allows "pets". Limited protection under ADA laws.

ESA+ (Emotional Support Animal) Ally Dog™ team can achieve ESA level, Canine Good Citizen (CGC) certification as well as learning specific skills for mitigation of symptoms and assistance during emotional deregulation of human. In most cases, the dog does his/her work at home. The Ally Dog™ team can go into any public entity that allows "pets". Limited protection under ADA laws.

SDiT (Service Dog in-Training) - Ally Dog™ team achieves the highest level of training with understanding that additional training hours/maintenance training may be needed. Minimum of 120 documented training hours, CGC certification, and completion of Public Access course.

Do you commit to building a positive, mutually supportive relationship with your Ally Dog™? y or n

Are you financially committed to pay the costs of caring for your dog for 10-15 years? y or n

Are you prepared to care or arrange for care of your dog every single day? y or n

Are you prepared to commit to the WORK, TRAINING, EXPENSES needed to achieve your Ally Dog™ goals? y or n

Teal Paws has three components: human/dog team training and teaching mindfulness strategies and practice, and group support

Are you willing to expand your skills of self-regulation by participating in and independently practicing Mindfulness techniques? y or n

Whatever level of training you decide on, do you have the desire and commitment to this program? Dogs can add a lot to our lives. Their love and companionship can create measurable positive changes to our lives. With some skills training, they can provide assistance to greatly improve the quality of your life. Equally important to that improvement is your grit, determination and patience. You must be ready to try something new in your therapeutic journey to achieve your desired healing and you must understand that learning new skills -both for you and your dog- come in little steps done repeatedly. A dog can't do that for you.

Whatever level of training you decide on, do you have the desire and commitment to this program? y or n

Submit this application:

Email a copy to info@tealpaws.org

or

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