



Providing Assistance Dogs Since 1977

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ADOPTABLE DOG APPLICATION

Date of Application: _____

Applicant's Name(s): _____

Street Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

INTRODUCTION

Adding a dog to your life will impact you in a number of ways. You will be responsible for your new dog's up-keep, including medical care, food, exercise, licensing, grooming, continued training, and any damage your dog may cause. In return, your dog will give you unconditional love, friendship, and devotion plus a lot of fun and motivation.

Dogs have varying types of personalities, just as we do. It will take time and patience to become bonded, but it will be well worth it.

Submitting an application does not guarantee that you will receive a dog. After your application is reviewed, we will contact you to set up a time for an interview to ask additional questions. This will enable us to know you better and help us in choosing the right match for you.

DOGS FOR BETTER LIVES' COMMITMENT TO YOU

1. We will fully disclose any medical or behavioral problems that we have dealt with, or are aware of during the time we have been working with the dog we place with you.
2. We will keep all applicant information strictly confidential.
3. The dog that we provide to you will be either spayed or neutered and current on its vaccinations.

Have you ever had a dog before? YES___ NO___ If yes, what kind(s)? _____

All dogs at some time or another have some behavior problems, please describe what kind of problems you have had with any previous dogs and how you handled them? _____

I live in a: House_____ Apartment_____ Duplex_____ Mobile Home_____ Other_____

Do you rent or own the home you live in? Rent_____ Own_____

If you rent your home, you will be required to provide proof that you have permission from your landlord to have a dog.

My yard is fenced: _____ YES _____ NO

If yes, what is the height of the fence and what type of material is the fence made of? _____

Why did you decide to apply for a dog at this time? _____

Are you fully aware of all the training and commitment involved in having a dog in the family? Please explain:

Please describe your daily routine and activity level: _____

Please list all members of your household _____

Please list all pets currently in your household:

Species or Breed	Age	Sex	Indoor/Outdoor
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Veterinary clinic where your animals are treated: _____

Address: _____

Veterinarian's name: _____

Phone Number: _____ Fax: _____

_____ I give permission for the above listed veterinary clinic to release information to Dogs for Better Lives.

The more particular you are regarding size, coat type, sex, and breed mix, the more difficult it will be to find the right match for you. Please describe the type of dog you WOULD LIKE to receive from us:

Would you consider taking a dog with pre-existing medical issues? YES_____ NO_____ MAYBE_____

Would you consider a retired Hearing Dog? YES_____ NO_____ MAYBE_____

FINANCIAL

You, the applicant, are solely responsible for all of the costs necessary to keep the dog fed and healthy. Normal on-going costs for food, toys, treats, veterinary care, and grooming can easily amount to \$750 - \$1,500 per year.

YES___ NO___ I understand I am fully responsible for the care of the dog.

YES___ NO___ I understand that if I am no longer able to care for or keep the dog, the dog is to be returned to Dogs for Better Lives so that they can find it another loving home.

YES___ NO___ I expect and am able to pay for veterinary expenses.

YES___ NO___ I understand that I need to feed my dog quality food.

YES___ NO___ I understand I need to keep my dog at a healthy weight.

_____ I agree to keep all vaccinations current including, but not limited to, Rabies, Distemper/Parvo (DHLLP) and ensure the dog receives preventative medication to protect against heartworm disease. In addition, I agree to provide the best available care to the dog in a timely manner.

Dogs for Better Lives has financial assistance available to help with veterinary expenses for dogs we have placed. This assistance is available in cases of out of the ordinary expenses that cause financial hardship and where the prognosis for recovery is good.

There are certain additional requirements, and there is no guarantee of approval for reimbursement, as each request is evaluated individually.

PLACEMENT

_____ I understand that the Dogs for Better Lives Obedience Trainer and Adoption Program Coordinator will bring the dog to my home for placement. If it is determined that the dog and I are not a good match, the placement will not take place.

_____ I understand that it takes at least three weeks for a newly adopted dog to settle into his/her new home environment and agree to work closely with the Obedience Trainer and Adoption Program Coordinator in order to make the placement of my new dog successful.

FOLLOW-UP

_____ I understand that I will receive a follow-up phone call from a Dogs for Better Lives Obedience Trainer or the Adoption Program Coordinator within four (4) days of placement. This is to ensure the placement is going well and to schedule times for Dogs for Better Lives to visit my home in order to work on any obedience or behavioral issues, as needed.

_____ I understand and agree that a follow-up visit from an Obedience Trainer or the Adoption Program Coordinator will take place within seven to ten days of the adoption.

_____ I understand and agree that additional follow-up visits may be scheduled in order to work on any obedience or behavioral issues as determined by Dogs for Better Lives

OBEDIENCE TRAINING

_____ I understand that Dogs for Better Lives provides ongoing obedience training and support for the lifetime of the placement.

_____ I understand it is my responsibility to contact the Adoption Program Coordinator at the *onset* of any concerns, questions I have, or behaviors my dog is displaying and agree to work with the Dogs for Better Lives Obedience Trainer to resolve them.

BEHAVIORAL ISSUES

(I.E: biting, prey drive, destruction, digging, escapism, fearfulness, dominance, housetraining, etc.)

_____ I agree to contact the Obedience Trainer or Adoption Program Coordinator regarding any obedience or behavioral issues at the *onset* of the behavior and to follow the recommendations given in order to resolve the issue(s) in an effort to maintain custody of the dog.

PUBLIC ACCESS RIGHTS

Adoptable Dogs are pets and do NOT have any special rights. They are not, nor are they suited to be, Service, Assistance, Companion, PTSD, or Therapy Dogs.

_____ I understand that I do not have the right to enlist the dog that Dogs for Better Lives may place with me into Service, Assistance, Companion, PTSD, or Therapy Dog training.

_____ I understand that the dog does not have legal access rights and that I may not take the dog that Dogs for Better Lives may place with me into public places that only Assistance or Service Dogs are allowed.

_____ I understand that Adoptable Dogs are only allowed in places where pets are normally allowed.

_____ I agree to neither attempt to exercise legal access rights, nor represent to others that I have such access rights.

RIGHT TO RECLAIM

_____ I understand and agree that Dogs for Better Lives reserves the right to reclaim the adopted dog if any of the above conditions are not met.

RELEASE AND INDEMNIFICATION/NO LIABILITY

_____ I hereby release Dogs for the Deaf, Inc. dba Dogs for Better Lives from any & all liability for personal injury, property damage, legal fees, veterinary care, or any other expense or liability incurred by me as a result of this adoption.

_____ I agree to indemnify Dogs for the Deaf, Inc. dba Dogs for Better Lives from any and all such claims. *Dogs for Better Lives reserves the right to remove any dog that we have placed with you from your home if the dog is being neglected or abused, if the environment is not appropriate for the dog, if you attempt to take your dog into public places that only a certified Assistance or Service Dog is allowed (legal access rights), or represent to others that you have such access rights.*

Thank you for applying for a dog from Dogs for Better Lives

Please sign below and mail or fax your application to: **Dogs for Better Lives**
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Applicant’s Name (please print): _____

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Co-applicant’s Name (please print): _____

Signature of Co-applicant: _____ Date: _____

Dogs for Better Lives considers all applicants and does not discriminate for any legally protected status.

Dogs for Better Lives guarantees confidentiality of all applicant and client information.