



PUPPY RAISING AGREEMENT

Puppy Raiser's Name:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

County:

Phone – Mobile:

Phone – Home:

Email:

Dog's Name:

DBL ID #:

Breed:

Date of Birth:

Sex:

Microchip #:

Projected Turn-In:

Target Intact Status:

For Dogs Designated as Keep Intact

_____ I agree to control male territorial urinary marking.

_____ I agree to notify Puppy Program staff on the first day I notice the female 1st in season (heat cycle) and agree to promptly follow all DBL policies and procedures regarding intact females.

For Dogs Designated as Spay/Neuter

_____ I agree to neuter or spay or neuter the Puppy at twelve (12) months of age

For ALL Dogs

_____ I agree that the Puppy will reside in my home until the turn-in date set forth above or as otherwise directed by DBL.

_____ I understand that the turn in date is subject to change and agree to return the Puppy to DBL upon DBL's request, which may be given at any time, with or without notice.

_____ I understand that to receive the Puppy, and as a condition thereof, I must sign below, and sign and return the following documents, each of which are attached hereto:



- 1 Puppy Raiser Agreement - Terms and Conditions
- 2 Veterinary Information Consent and Release Form
- 3 Career Change Dog Adoption Policy

• If you have previously executed and delivered to DBL the Volunteer Release agreement, Media Consent Form, and Statement of Confidentiality, you do not need to sign and deliver them again and hereby affirm the provisions thereof and agree that such agreements are in full force and effect.

Puppy Raiser's Signature

Date

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PUPPY RAISING AGREEMENT - TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Puppy Raiser's Name:

Dog's Name:

I, _____ [name], hereby acknowledge that dogs for better lives, an Oregon nonprofit corporation ("DBL"), has entrusted to me the care of [dog], microchip # (the "Puppy"), and agree the following guidelines and provisions as set forth in this puppy raising agreement (this "Agreement"). As used herein, the term "Agreement" includes the Puppy Raising Agreement - Cover Page (the "Cover Page") and the Career Change Dog Adoption Policy.

1. Puppy Raising General Guidelines

- a. During the term of this Agreement, I agree to comply with DBL's puppy raising guidelines as set for in the Puppy Raising Manual. Accordingly, I agree to:
 - i. Immediately report any loss of the puppy by calling 541-423-8382 and the puppy program manager.
 - ii. If applicable, obtain a dog license as required by the city or county in which I reside.
 - iii. Not allow the Puppy to be off leash unless in an enclosed safe area and directly supervised (long lines may be used.).
 - iv. Have the Puppy wear the DBL identification tag and an identification tag containing my address and phone number at all times.
 - v. Follow the training and socializing guidelines given to me verbally or in writing by DBL.
 - vi. Complete and submit monthly progress reports to DBL.
 - vii. Promptly report all Puppy related medical, behavioral, or training problems to Puppy Program staff.
 - viii. Attend obedience training classes with the Puppy. I understand that I may attend a DBL-sponsored training class if one is available in my area, otherwise I must attend a third-party obedience class that meets DBL's criteria at my own expense. Further, I may be required to attend obedience classes sponsored by DBL and third-party classes, if directed by DBL.
 - ix. Follow DBL's recommended vaccine schedule, treatment protocols and preventative care guidelines.
 - x. Send all veterinary records generated during the time that the Puppy is in my care to DBL, including proof of vaccinations, rabies, and sterilization (if applicable).
 - xi. Feed the Puppy a quality dog food recommended and approved by DBL. The Puppy must not be allowed to become overweight.
 - xii. Raise the Puppy so that it is well versed in being handled for grooming, teeth brushing, and nail trimming.



- xiii. Teach the Puppy to be well mannered, crate trained, and friendly to people and animals.
- b. I understand and agree that I will be caring, keeping, and working with the Puppy until he/she is returned to DBL. Puppies are typically returned so that they may participate in professional training, which normally (but not always) occurs when the Puppy is between 14-16 months of age. I understand that I may be asked to return the Puppy to any of DBL's Regional Training Centers and that I am responsible for all costs of transporting the Puppy to such center. I understand that the Puppy Program staff will make reasonable efforts to inform me that the Puppy is to be returned approximately eight (8) weeks before the turn-in date. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, I agree to return the Puppy to DBL upon DBL's request, which may be given at any time with or without notice.
- c. If I find that during the time the Puppy is in my care, I cannot provide adequate time for socialization and training of the Puppy, or if I am not able to fulfill the financial obligation of caring for the Puppy, I will notify DBL immediately, and the Puppy Program staff will place the Puppy in the care of another volunteer. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, DBL reserves the right to remove the Puppy from my care at any time for any or no reason, with or without notice. I agree to provide DBL, or its authorized agent or designee with reasonable access to the Puppy for all purposes associated with this Agreement, including reasonable access to my home or other location, for the purpose of examining the Puppy and/or removing the Puppy from my care.

2. DBL Ownership and Financial Responsibility

- a. I understand and agree that DBL at all times owns the Puppy, even when the Puppy is entrusted to my care. I acknowledge and agree that I have no ownership interest in the Puppy. Nevertheless, I agree to be fully responsible for (i) the complete care and well-being of the Puppy and for the socialization necessary to prepare him/her for future work as an assistance dog and (ii) all Puppy-related costs and expenses incurred while the Puppy is in my care, without recourse to or indemnification from DBL or anyone else.

3. Veterinary Care: Neuter/Spay

- a. I understand it is my responsibility to seek, acquire, and be financially responsible for all appropriate and necessary veterinary medical care (both routine and emergency) for the Puppy. I understand that I may take the Puppy to a veterinarian of my choice, and that all medical records must be sent to the Puppy Program staff promptly upon receipt of clinical services. I agree to follow the direction of DBL's staff as it pertains to the treatment of any medical problems with the Puppy.



- b. The puppy will be targeted for placement or breeding, as indicated on the cover page. I understand that **breeding** indicates the puppy must remain intact (not neutered or spayed) unless or until I am otherwise instructed. I understand the puppy program staff may request that the puppy be neutered or spayed at any time, and I agree to comply with any such request. I understand that **placement** indicates the puppy is to be neutered/spayed when he/she reaches twelve (12) months of age, and I agreed to have the puppy neutered/spayed at such time. I agree to promptly submit proof of sterilization to the Puppy Program.
- c. If applicable, I agree to notify Puppy Program staff when the Puppy comes into season (in heat) and follow direction from Puppy Program and the Puppy Raiser Manual to ensure safekeeping thereof

4. **Use of Vest**

- a. As a puppy raiser, I will receive an official puppy raising logo vest, which the puppy must wear in public and social situations. I agree not to attach or affix anything onto the vest. I understand that I must exchange capes for larger ones as the Puppy outgrows them. I agree that at turn in time, I will return any and all capes in my possession. I further agree that I will not use a puppy raising vest on any non-DBL puppy, including, but not limited to dogs career changed from the DBL program.

5. **Boarding Policy/Sitter Policy**

- a. I agree that I am responsible for locating a puppy sitter if at any time I cannot travel with or care for the Puppy. I will refer to DBL's socialization guidelines prior to making such arrangements and will promptly notify Puppy Program staff to let them know the location of the Puppy. I understand that DBL puppies that are under 5 months of age may not be boarded at a public kennel. On a space available basis, the Puppy may be boarded at a DBL facility. During such cases, I agree to be responsible for all costs associated with transporting the Puppy to a DBL facility for voluntary boarding.

6. **General Provisions**

- a. I understand that time is of the essence with regard to my obligation to return the Puppy to DBL, because the training required to fulfill his/her role as an assistance dog for someone with a disability is most effective if administered while the Puppy is fairly young and, in the case of dogs used for breeding assistance dogs, any delay in the return of the Puppy could greatly reduce the Puppy's contribution toward DBL's effort to provide assistance dogs to people with disabilities. Accordingly, I agree that DBL shall be entitled (in addition to any other remedies) to injunctive relief compelling my surrender of the Puppy if I fail to return the Puppy to DBL after DBL's request to do so.



- b. If I fail to comply with the terms of this Agreement, my application to participate in the puppy raising program (the "Application") or the General Provisions agreement, DBL may terminate this Agreement and remove the puppy from my care. In such instance, I understand that I will be ineligible to adopt the Puppy as a pet or to raise another DBL puppy. I understand and agree that if I violate the terms of this Agreement, I may subject myself to criminal prosecution for theft or similar offense and/or to a civil action. In any legal proceeding between DBL and me arising out of or relating to this Agreement, the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover from the other party the prevailing party's reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses.
- c. I agree that this Agreement, together the Application, constitutes the entire agreement between DBL and me with respect to the subject matter hereof. This Agreement shall terminate upon DBL's repossession of the Puppy, whether such repossession is before on or after the protected turn-in date. The General Provisions agreement and the Media and Photo Consent Form shall continue in full force and effect notwithstanding the termination of this Agreement.

Thank you in advance for your efforts to make it possible to bring independence and fulfillment to the life of a person with a disability!

Puppy Raiser's Signature

Date

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CAREER CHANGE DOG ADOPTION POLICY

If a DBL dog is deemed by DBL not suitable to be a DBL graduate assistance dog, but suitable for another assistance dog organization, such as a guide dog school or other assistance dog school, the dog will be transferred to such organization. Similarly, dogs deemed by DBL not suitable for any assistance dog placement may be placed at DBL's discretion with another working dog organization, such as search and rescue, or other similar agency and will be transferred to such agency for training and placement purposes.

If the dog is deemed not suitable for DBL's program and is not otherwise transferred or placed, subject to DBL's discretion, the puppy raiser will be given the opportunity to adopt the dog, provided that the puppy raiser complied with all the terms and conditions of the Puppy Raiser Agreement and the dog was returned in a healthy condition. Puppy Raisers may not adopt the dog if he or she does not plan to keep the dog for himself or herself as a pet.

For purposes of this Policy, the puppy raiser is the person designated by DBL as the puppy raiser of said dog in the Puppy Raiser Agreement. In the case of multiple puppy raisers, DBL will offer the dog in the following order:

1. To the puppy raiser who had the puppy for at least 3 months prior to the change of career
2. To a co-raiser who had the puppy for a period of time during the raising process

If equal time was spent with more than one puppy raiser, the dog will be offered to the person designated by DBL as the primary puppy raiser. If the primary Puppy Raiser chooses not to adopt the dog, the dog will be offered to the co-raiser. The adoption fee is waived for Puppy Raisers of the dog. Shipping and transportation fees may apply. As a condition of accepting the dog, the Puppy Raiser will be required to complete and return an *Adoption Agreement and Release from Liability*.

If a puppy raiser declines to adopt the dog, DBL will place the dog in a suitable home. Upon request, DBL may consider adoption applications from friends and family members of the puppy raisers. These individuals must know the dog and should have played a role in the puppy's upbringing. Such persons will be required to pay an adoption fee if selected (and complete and return an *Adoption Agreement and Release from Liability*).

All decisions made regarding the dog's placement will be made by DBL in its sole discretion and DBL's decision regarding the dog's placement is final.

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08/28/2025