## **Basic CanineFundamental Rights**

MobilityDog is committed to the best environment for each dog. We are committed to each dog's general health, wellness, treatment, welfare, and the basic rights of each canine gifted to us from rescues, breeders, and poodles that 'show up to become our responsibility. We will provide each dog with their fundamental rights to food, safe and secure shelter, water, exercise, veterinarian care, humane and gentle training, space to just be a terrific, fun-loving dog, and loving care. We are committed to each dog's general health, wellness, treatment, welfare, and the basic rights of each canine gifted to us from rescues, breeders, and



poodles that 'show up to become our responsibility. We hold wellness checks, weekly puppy meetups, and weekly training sessions and are hands-on. As a top priority, we will always have the well-being of our Service Dogs in Training, Service Dogs, and all the dogs we encounter.

Puppyhood is essential to developing a well-adjusted and well-rounded dog. The Puppy Raisers are vital to ensuring that our dogs' fundamental rights are met. Each puppy is assigned to one Puppy Raiser, who takes full charge of the puppy's training. The Puppy Raiser commitment involves being aware of your puppy 24/7. The Puppy Raiser and the puppy will be together with full access to all public venues as a Service Dog-in-Training (SDiT) Team until the dog is up to 20 months old.

Raisers must be willing to work with puppies using the guidelines set forth by MobilityDog. From the time of your puppy's arrival, you will teach them their basic manners, obedience training and encourage their willingness to learn at home and on the street every day. We ask that your home has no other dogs under two years of age, but one older dog and a cat or two are positive exposure.

As the Puppy Raiser, you must be respectful of the balance of training, exploring, exposure, and activities each day. Each week, you will need to tweak the puppy's explorations as their brain, body, and fun grow. During the first month with you, the puppy needs to sleep, grow, rest, and learn to be independent, sociable, confident, friendly, and well-behaved at home and in many public situations. At three months of age, they are learning potty training, crate time, sit, deck, manners, and puppy adventures at three months of age! At four months, a vaccinated puppy will be dressed in their vest, living your daily routine at your side. Exposure to all of life is vital for your SDiT.

Your SDiT must be the focus while you are out and about, confident and relaxed, as they eventually will be with their Forever Handler. During this puppy raising time, you are part of a fantastic team, using a new exploration out in the world each day and having your puppy by your side as you live your basic routines to prepare this young puppy for the world of a working service dog. And you are preparing them to live in a home as a joyful, happy dogs!

With the guidance of our Service Dog Trainers, along with your loving energy in raising the puppy, the puppy's growth will unfold gently and beautifully. Each success is built upon learning the basics, which we often repeat but keep fun. The timeframe is as individual as each puppy and its raiser: it is about a firm foundation, not how fast we move, but how the well-adjusted puppy flows into each basic command. The foundation work is most important for a safe and confident Service Dog: from the foundation, all their future work is built for tasking and alerting. Let the puppy magic begin...

