



MobilityDog Puppy Raiser Application

MobilityDog advances FUNctional independence for people with disabilities through service dogs, education, and empowerment.

If you have any questions or thoughts, please reach out! Return to info@MobilityDog.Org

- 1) Puppy Raiser Applicant's Name:
- 2) Complete Physical Address:
- 3) Home Phone:
- 4) Work Phone:
- 5) Cell Phone:
- 6) E-mail:
- 7) Website, Facebook, blog, and all online presence:
- 8) Applicant's date of birth:
- 9) Parent Name (if the applicant is a minor):
If the applicant is a minor, Team Member who will be training with the minor:
- 10) Have you raised a Service Dog or puppy in Training? If yes, please share details by answering a-f below. If not, please tell us why you would be a great puppy raiser and your experience with a dog(s).
 - a. What breed of dog have you raised?
 - b. Have you ever raised a Standard Poodle before?
 - c. Can you spend **seven to ten** 5-10 minute training sessions each day with your puppy?
 - d. Are you willing to take your puppy to work with you or on daily excursions and weekly field trips?
 - e. Are you willing and able to take your puppy to Obedience and Etiquette classes?

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- f. Are you willing to learn new modalities for raising your SDiT?
- g. Do you understand the difference between mental and physical stimulation?
- h. Are you a good listener, and will you be an excellent contributor to our MobilityDog Community? Because it truly does take a village.

11) What animals do you have in your home, and what animals are there in other homes you frequent?

12) Have you ever raised a puppy?

- a. What kind?
- b. When?
- c. Where is it now?

13) Where do you live? Describe your home.

- a. Does it have a fenced yard?
- b. How high is the fence?

14) Schedules?

- a. Day schedule currently?
- b. Day schedule projection with Service Dog in Training?
- c. Night schedule currently?
- d. Night schedule with Service Dog in Training?

15) You are responsible to pay for and provide the following:

- a. A healthy diet, treats and a diet consistent with the guidelines outlined in the Puppy Manual located in the Puppy Portal. Will you feed them accordingly to keep them well?
- b. Regular exercise to keep them healthy with strong muscles.
- c. Travel expenses and toys.
- d. Professional grooming (every six weeks: clean hygiene area, clean face, clean feet with short nails for escalator work, and lamb cut) and exposure to all of life.

16) Can you afford to take on these expenses while raising our Service Dog in Training?

Please note: We will cover the costs of spay/neuter at a low-cost clinic, dog food, some treats, vaccinations, training classes, and general wellness vet care.

17) How many people are in the home? Ages?



18) Other dogs in the home?

- a. What kind?
- b. What age?
- c. What are their temperaments?
- d. Are there cats in the home?
- e. Do they get along with dogs?

19) What do you do professionally?

20) If you are not self-employed, do you have permission to have your puppy-in-training in the workplace?

- a. How would that look, bringing your Service Dog in Training to work?
- b. If you are in school, do you have permission from the school's administration to bring the SDiT with you to class?
- c. Would the SDiT have access to all school buildings?

21) What would a week look like for your puppy?

- a. Sunday?
- b. Monday?
- c. Tuesday?
- d. Wednesday?
- e. Thursday?
- f. Friday?
- g. Saturday?

22) You have read the requirements and expectations of our puppy raisers. In your own words, please tell me what this means and how it will play out 24/7.

23) You will have the puppy by your side for 15-17 months (dog's age will be 2-19 months old): vacation, holidays, dates, parties, classes, shopping, everywhere, teaching the proper puppy manners each and every day.

- a. Are you in a mental, emotional, and physical place where you can do this?
- b. Your puppy will vacation with you when you vacation unless plans have been made ahead of time with an approved MobilityDog Sitter.



24) Do you own or rent your home?

- a. Do you have permission to have your Service Dog in Training (SDiT) at your home?

25) Weekly reports in the form of a training diary must be posted three times a week with photos and videos on the Facebook Closed Private Group Page. Communication is vital for the program to flow positively; please interact with others' posts, being an active part of our community. Will you make three posts each week and "like" and comment on others as we build a community of interactive raisers, handlers, trainers, volunteers, and supporters with these posts?_____ Please share your understanding of this requirement.

26) Keep a calendar to make notes to share with the puppy's Mobility Handler of favorite places and experiences you had together. Are you willing to share these experiences with the success of the future Mobility Team? Please state your intention.

27) Meetups are every Tuesday @ 12:15-1:15 pm PST of each month via Zoom. You are required to attend these meetups.

- a. WILL YOU BE PRESENT AT THESE WEEKLY MEETUPS?

- b. What are your intentions?

28) We meet in person on The First Saturday of each month! We train SDiT 10-11, and the SD join us in training together 11-12. 12 noon, we break for a Picnic Lunch and debriefing, and then our Service Dog Trainer will do one-on-one training with you as needed for break-out training or issues you need a wee dash more assistance with!

- a. Will ou be present at First Saturdays?
- b. What are your intentions?

29) Why do you want to be a puppy raiser?

30) Can you agree to make the following your goals for your puppy in training??

The Puppy Raisers' goals are to develop energetic and curious pups into mature, dependable dogs, with the following characteristics (excerpts guidedogs.com):

- A. Well-behaved- The pups have good house manners and will not be relieved in the house. They are quiet and calm, eat only their food, and are not destructive.
- B. Well-trained- The puppies complete Basic Dog Obedience Class, Good Canine Citizenship, Dog Etiquette Training, and Access Evaluation.
- C. Socialized to the world- The pups have been exposed to various people, things, and places and accept new situations calmly.**
- D. Well-traveled- The puppies are relaxed and comfortable when traveling in all modes of transportation: cars, vans, buses, trains, airplanes, ferries, etc.
- E. People-friendly- The pups bond well with people, enjoy receiving verbal praise, and are eager to please.



- F. Animal-friendly- The pups are calm and appropriate around all sorts of animals, including dogs, cats, birds, livestock, and all animals they come in contact with.
- G. Responsive- The pups obey basic commands and are cooperative during various training exercises
- H. Read and honor the Our Dogs' Basic Fundamental Rights, [PLEASE CLICK HERE TO READ.](#)

31) Puppy with you 24/7- Goes everywhere with you to be exposed to all of life's adventures, challenges, difficulties, and realities. Disabled Handlers walk into all experiences, so socialization is vital! Be respectful of age-appropriate sleep and exposures for the puppy. Know that our Puppy Raiser Lead and our three Service Dog Trainers are all on call for our Puppy Raisers and Handlers; anything, we are here to support you and offer ideas as you become part of your community. And everyone is always available on our Facebook Page. CAN YOU DO THESE THINGS? YES or NO

Please tell us precisely what this means to you regarding your relationship with your MSDiT and your circle of routine that you are already involved in. Thank you for writing it out for us!

32) After you read about our Puppy Raisers on our website, please tell us your takeaway and what you understand is expected from a Mobility Service Dogs West Coast Project Puppy Raiser. Thank you.

33) Please read all about Mobility Service Dogs West Coast Project and tell us who you think we are?

34) Three Letters of Reference Required: Please request letters of reference from friends, colleagues, or people who know you well. Please see the Guidelines for Letters of Recommendation on the last page of these documents. Please have them sent to our physical address or via email: info@mobilitydog.org

35) When are you ready to pick up your puppy? _____ Date

36) We ask our Raisers to participate actively in our Fundraisers and Poodle Palooza. We aim to raise \$1500.00 via your friends, family, churches, and colleagues. Will you commit to representing MobilityDog with dignity and pride in the community and Fundraising?

37) Masks protect our most vulnerable, which takes in our disabled handlers. Are you willing to wear a mask and social distance while raising up SDiT as a puppy raiser?

38) To comply with federal, state, and private foundation grant awards, MobilityDog is required to collect client demographic information. This information is used to improve programming and comply with funding mandates.

39) MobilityDog performs routine and random welfare checks on our Service Dogs in Training and our Service Dogs. If you become a MobilityDog Puppy Raiser, do you agree to allow a MobilityDog Trainer to visit your home and take the Service Dog for a walk away from you, for a short period? _____ initial
Do you also agree to allow MobilityDog access to check on the welfare of your Service Dog, if this is deemed necessary? _____ initial

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As a MobilityDog Puppy Raiser, you must agree to return the Service Dog in Training, all the leashes, harnesses, collars, tools, crate, bed, and all and any items that MobilityDog gave you and sign an End of Contractual Agreement within 24 hours of the transferring of the puppy you were working with. Do you agree to these requirements? If you agree with these requirements, please

SIGN HERE _____

Please check all that apply:

<input type="checkbox"/> 1st Generation College Student	<input type="checkbox"/> Newcomer, Immigrant, Refugee.	<input type="checkbox"/> High Risk, Medically Complex
<input type="checkbox"/> Military/Veteran	<input type="checkbox"/> LGBTQ	<input type="checkbox"/> Unemployed
<input type="checkbox"/> English Language Learner	<input type="checkbox"/> Indigenous Population	<input type="checkbox"/> Single/Lone Parent

Please check all that apply:

<input type="checkbox"/> African American	<input type="checkbox"/> Latin/ Hispanic American	<input type="checkbox"/> Asian American
<input type="checkbox"/> Pacific Islander	<input type="checkbox"/> Indigenous	<input type="checkbox"/> White
<input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> American Citizen	<input type="checkbox"/> Non-American Citizen

Questions or conversations you would like to share with us or discuss with Mobility Service Dogs West Coast Project:

PLEASE RETURN APPLICATION TO: info@MobilityDog.org Thank you.



MOBILITYDOG GUIDELINES FOR LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

We request 3 letters of recommendation for our Puppy Raiser Applicants. We are looking for the following information from the people who write those letters:

- 1) How long have you known this person?
- 2) Why do you think they want to raise a service dog?
- 3) Have they expressed interest in raising a dog for service to you?
- 4) Have you seen the applicant interacting with dogs? How do they treat the dogs?
- 5) Has the applicant ever owned a dog?
- 6) Has the applicant ever raised a puppy?
- 7) Does the applicant understand the training requirements and needs of caring for the dog? A poodle?
- 8) What is the applicant's support system who will assist with walks and socialization? Who is in it? How often are they around?
- 9) Does the applicant work? Away from home? Will the applicant be able to expose the puppy to the work environment?
- 10) Do you think that the applicant takes the dog out on field trips (restaurants, amusement parks, shopping, grocery shopping, movie theaters, libraries, public transportation, outdoor parks, recreation areas, etc.) exposing the SDiT to all of life?
- 11) Is the applicant a good communicator, will they participate in our community?
- 12) Is the applicant an "outdoors" person?
- 13) What is the applicant's spirit like?

Please let us know if you have any questions regarding providing this information. Thank you very much for your time and energy.

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