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APPLICATION FOR A PAALS FACILITY DOG

Application Fee- \$30.00

A Facility Dog is specially trained to help a professional at work who may specialize in special education, counseling, social work, physical therapy, occupational therapy, nursing, ministry, etc. These dogs can be used as innovative teaching tools, therapeutic catalysts to prompt disclosure, motivational rewards for achieving goals, and unconditional love to the sick and those in crisis.

Applying for a PAALS Assistance Dog is a multi-step process. The application must be completed and returned to PAALS. Upon receipt of this application and application fee, an interview will be scheduled. If you are not local to the Columbia, SC area then a separate home and work place visit will be scheduled after you travel to Columbia for the interview.

Those who are eligible to receive a Facility Dog must spend one to two weeks (decided on individual case basis due to different needs, schedules, and abilities) with PAALS in Columbia, SC, learning how to work as a team with their new dog. This requires a stay at a local hotel for those who are not already in the Midlands area.

The cost associated with training you and your Assistance Dog should not prohibit you from applying for a service dog. PAALS encourages everyone to participate in fundraising like they do in the Habitat for Humanities program. In other words, you are helping to “build” a dog for someone else while we help “build” a dog for you. It costs PAALS up to \$22,000.00 and two years to train and place an assistance dog with someone in need. You are not responsible for this amount. We ask that you pay or fundraise a tuition fee \$2500-\$5,000 for your one-two week team training class.

We look forward to getting to know you and how a facility dog may help you help others!

Yours In Service,
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Facility Dog Application

Date: _____

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Numbers:

Home: _____ Work: _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Male: ☐ Female: ☐

Marital Status: Single ☐ Married: ☐ Divorced: ☐

What profession are you hoping to integrate an assistance dog into? _____

What is your current place of employment and role there? _____

How long have you been in your current position? _____

Have you received approval through your place of employment to use an assistance dog? ☐ Yes ☐ No

How long have you been in your current professional field? _____



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What some of the disabilities and/or special needs that an assistance dog would need to be comfortable around? Please check all that apply:

- | | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Deafness | <input type="checkbox"/> Speech Impairment | <input type="checkbox"/> Reduced Stamina |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing Loss | <input type="checkbox"/> Coordination Problems | <input type="checkbox"/> Limited Mobility |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Memory Loss | <input type="checkbox"/> Spasticity | <input type="checkbox"/> Slowed Development |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vision Impairment | <input type="checkbox"/> Muscular Weakness | |

Other: _____

What specific things would you want a trained facility dog to do:

Living Arrangements

Do you live in the City, Suburbs or Rural Area? _____

Housing: ☐ Home ☐ Apartment ☐ One level ☐ Multi levels
Yard: ☐ With fence ☐ without fence

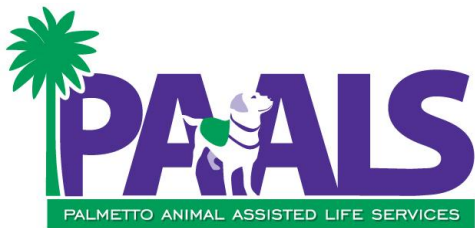
Do you: ☐ Rent ☐ Own

If renting, have you discussed having a dog living on the premises with your landlord?
☐ Yes ☐ No

Describe your neighborhood, i.e. busy roads, neighbors close by, dogs/cats running free etc. _____

Do you have many visitors? ☐ Yes ☐ No

How long does it take you to travel to work? _____



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Do you have any physical limitations(back injury) or psychiatric conditions that we should consider when choosing a dog for you?

What types of transportation do you use? (Check all that apply)

☐ Car ☐ Bus ☐ Van ☐ Train ☐ Plane

How many people live with you?

Name

Age

Relationship

Please list any other information that may be of help to us in selecting the proper dog for you:

Your training with the dog

Are you able to take time off of work or from other obligations to attend a one – two week training session in Columbia, SC to learn how to work with your PAALS dog?

Have you attended dog obedience class? _____ What level? _____

Do you smoke? ☐ Yes ☐ No



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Dog Information:

A successful assistance dog applicant must be able to care for the daily need of his or her dog. Therefore we ask you to consider and answer the following: (please indicate if you are unable to do a certain task.)

Where will your dog be taken for toilet requirements? _____

When do you get out of bed in the morning? _____

What time do you retire for the evening? _____

Who will help with the dog's care if you are sick?

Helper's Name _____ Telephone _____

Will the dog be exercised and have playtime? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Have you ever had a Pet dog before? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Do you or anyone in your household have a dog now? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If so, what is the Age: _____ Sex: _____ Neutered: ☐ Yes ☐ No

List other pets: _____

What would you do if you lost your current job and took another job that did not support a facility dog?

How many hours per day would the dog be alone? _____

Do you travel a lot? _____

When traveling, would you take the dog with you on trips? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Is there a particular type/breed dog that you do not like? _____

Are there any particular qualities in a dog that you prefer? _____



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Are there any particular qualities that you would not want in a dog? _____

When would you be able to start training with your assistance dog? _____

The reason I want a facility dog is: _____

Tell us more about yourself – hobbies, activities, clubs, interests, etc. _____

What questions or concerns do you have that we may address?

Do you understand that if you are selected as a PAALS client a one to two week training session in Columbia will be required and a tuition fee that can either be paid or fundraised of \$2500.00 - \$5,000.00 will be required prior to team training? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Please return all of the following to PAALS

- This completed application
- A \$30 check for the non-refundable application fee
- A Letter of Recommendation from a person not related to you in support of your ability to care for and need of an assistance dog

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