



DFW Canines for Veterans Service Dog Application and Contract for Disabled Combat or MST Veteran

Welcome to DFW Canines for Veterans application and contract. Please print, fill out, sign and submit via email back to dfwcaninesforveterans@gmail.com

You will need the following documents for your application to be processed. Please submit all required documents in this packet together. If any part of the application packet is missing, your application will not be processed until the packet is completed.

Required Documents

- Application filled out completely and signed
- Copy of Current Drivers License
- DD214 (redact all but last 4 of Social Security number)
- Buddy letter
- VA Award Letter
- Letter from the VA or other mental health provider stating your PTSD, TBI, MST diagnosis and that a service dog will benefit you. Letter MUST be from a VA provider. If you use a civilian LPC, Psychiatrist or Psychologist, you must be under their care for a minimum of 6 months. We do not accept any “online therapist to receive a service dog” or other type of letter.

Once your completed application is received, we will process your application. Completion of this application is NOT a guarantee of approval!

If you are approved you will meet with our team for an in person interview. Once the final interview is completed, you will be notified via phone or email. At that time, we will start looking for your service dog in training that will be your forever battle buddy Service Dog upon graduation!

Attending training is mandatory! If you miss 3 or more training sessions you will be subject to probation. This program requires dedication, not only to yourself but to your service dog in training! Once you achieve graduation, it WILL be worth the work! Our program is free of charge, therefore we ask that you take this training seriously as we do! We are dedicated to training the best service dog and team that we can. Forming you and your service dog into an amazing team! We do not receive VA grants, we rely solely on public donations. This is a labor of love for our organization and those that work tirelessly to help ease the suffering of PTSD. We have formed a close nit family with a great support system in place.

Training will be held in Granbury, Texas at pre-determined locations.

Time: Saturdays at 10:00

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APPLICATION FORM FOR AN DFW CANINES FOR VETERANS SERVICE DOG

DIRECTIONS:

Please print or type your responses in the spaces provided. You may attach additional sheets as needed. We understand this is a very lengthy and personal application. With this information we are able to match your service dog and the training according to your specific disability. The more we know about you, the more likely it is to we can choose a dog with the right qualifications for you.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Today's date: _____
First name: _____ Last name: _____
Date of birth: _____
Address: _____
State/Zip | _____
Home phone: _____ Work phone: _____
Email (if available) _____
Sex: (circle one) Female or Male or Non Binary
Weight: _____ Height: _____
Branch of Service: _____ Term of Service: _____
Rank: _____ Disability Rating: _____



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II. MOBILITY INFORMATION:

Is your disability progressive? No _____ Yes _____ If yes, explain _____

Other medical issues:

Have you applied for a service dog from another program? No ___ Yes ___

Have you already trained with another service dog program? _____

If yes, which one?

Please check that all apply

Walk normally _____ Crutches (1 or 2): _____

Walk slowly but steadily: _____

Cane: Walk unsteadily: _____ Use walker: _____

Non-ambulatory: _____ Braces: _____

Wheelchair-manual: _____ Wheelchair-power: _____

III. HAND AND ARM MOVEMENTS

Right-handed: _____ Left-handed: _____

Describe any limits in hand or arm movements:

IV. DISABILITIES:

Please check all that apply

Speech Hearing: _____ Impaired reaction speed: _____

Pain intolerance: _____ Vision: _____

Learning disability (indicate type): _____

Other (please describe): _____

If you have checked any of the above, please describe the nature of the disability and provide relevant information on if and how it affects your functioning.

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Describe any special areas of disability not covered above or any area of physical need that you feel DFW Canines for Veterans should be aware of.

V. DAILY ACTIVITIES:

Work (specify kind):

Fulltime _____ Part time _____

School (specify level and location): _____

Will you bring your dog with you to work and or school? Yes _____ No _____

If No, Why? _____

Other regular activities/hobbies (e.g., shop, computers, visit, etc.)

If you work and you are unable to take your dog to work with you due to the type of job you have, where will the dog stay? _____

Who will be caring for the dog while you are at work? _____

Please answer as honest as possible. These answers help us match your dog with you and your activity level!

Do you describe yourself as: Inactive _____ Active _____

On a scale of 1-10 how active are you? _____

Do you spend a major part of your day in bed or on the couch?

No _____ Yes _____

If "yes" to above, how many hours? _____

Would you like to be more active? _____

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VI. USAGE INFORMATION:

Do you experience difficulties in any of the following activities?

Check all that apply.

Picking up dropped objects: _____ Opening household door: _____

Opening commercial door: _____

Getting help in case of an emergency: _____

Carrying items (list): _____

Turning light switches "on/off": _____

Getting up from the ground _____

Getting up from a seated position: _____

Retrieving cordless phone: _____

Moving wheelchair up steep ramps/inclines: _____

Poor balance in walking: _____ Difficulty on stairs: _____

In what other areas do you feel a service dog might assist you?

VII. GENERAL INFORMATION

How many other pets do you own? _____

(specify number, type, and age) _____

If other pets, do they live inside or outside? _____

Housing (indicate one): Apartment _____ House: _____

A service dog would have access to (indicate one):

Fenced exercise area: _____ Non-fenced exercise area: _____ Other: _____

Do you plan to move in the near future? No _____ Yes _____ (explain)

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How many other people live with you? _____
List names, age, and relationship to each individual:

Do you, or does anyone in your household, smoke?

No _____ Yes _____ (explain) _____

Are you, or anyone you live with, allergic to dogs? No _____ Yes _____

Have you ever been convicted of a felony? No _____ Yes _____ If yes,
explain _____

(This does NOT auto disqualify you!) We understand PTSD/TBI comes with issues of all types including legal issues! Drug, alcohol issues etc. It WILL BE an automatic disqualification/removal from the program, if you do not disclose it now and we find out later. We all have issues and we would rather help you and train the dog around your disabilities. We have several veteran with an array of issues, that can help you! Sexual offenders and crimes against animals are an automatic disqualification from our program.

We pull our dogs from city kill shelters, so the dog can be any breed, mix or sex of dog. By signing this contract you acknowledge and accept all terms of this! We do NOT guarantee breed, sex, color or otherwise choice of dog. We pull pups that have passed our evaluation and chosen specifically for you in mind.

(We do strongly prefer only ONE dog in the home due to the bonding and training process.) But we do place service dogs in multi dog homes on a case by case basis.

If you were to receive a service dog, how do you expect it to change your life?



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VIII. LIVING WITH A SERVICE DOG:

A service dog needs daily feeding, training, attention, and care. You are responsible for ALL veterinary care to your personal dog and or the dog we have provided to you. This includes spay/neutering and shots.

The SERVICE DOG IN TRAINING MUST BE ON THE FOLLOWING: Heartworm prevention, Flea & tick control, weekly grooming and or emergency medical care. Dogs also must be on a approved dog food: 4Health (tractor supply) Fromm brand is what we highly recommend for one of the best foods for the cost! You can also feed or other high quality, corn free dog food. Healthy grains are acceptable such as rice, oatmeal, barley, quinoa. PLEASE make sure you feed a dog food WITH Taurine! Fromm dog food is one of the only dog foods that have not been recalled.

Do you agree NOT to feed your service dog ANY Purina Dog food and/or products:

No _____ Yes _____

Are you able to treat the dog as a working dog, not a pet: No _____ Yes _____

You and your family understand this is NOT a household family pet and everyone will abide by the structured regime as given by our Director of Training? No _____ Yes _____

I agree I will be completely in charge of my service dog? Yes _____ No _____

You agree that you the veteran will be the direct caregiver of your service dog including but not limited to feeding, bathing, grooming, training and upkeep on your service dog?

No _____ Yes _____

This means not allowing strangers to pet the dog in public without your permission, ensuring that the dog behaves in public, and being the person in your dog's life that will be responsible for the dog's care and well-being?

No _____ Yes _____

Does anyone in your household have concerns about having a service dog in their home?

Yes _____ No _____ If so, please explain.



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IX. ALTERNATE EMERGENCY CONTACT

Please provide the name of a friend or relative we can call if we can't reach you:

Phone number of person listed above (work and home if available)

Relationship to person listed above _____

X. PERSONAL/PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES:

Please provide the name, address, phone number and email (if possible) of a person who is not related to you but who knows you fairly well.

Remember to have at least one of these individuals complete the Personal Reference Form in this packet.

XI. INFORMATION AND PHOTO RELEASE

I attest that the information I have provided above is accurate, truthful, and up-to-date to the best of my knowledge. I, hereby give permission to DFW Canines for Veterans to use my photographic image in its printed brochures, newsletters, videotapes, press releases. We HIGHLY respect the confidentiality of our veterans. We do take lots of pictures of the service dogs and service dogs training, we do our best to keep your face identity confidential. We do NOT sell, give out your information or any information in this contract. We use #Teamnames such as #TeamIvar (name of your dog). We do not tag you in pictures used for the program. However if you would like to comment on social media that is up to you. We do have a few high profile veterans and veterans recovering from MST. Therefore, we do not publish your name and/or face without permission. You will be referred to as #Team(dogs name) ONLY. We do this to promote our program and fund raising efforts. This permission continues until such time as I give DFW Canines for Veterans written notice rescinding said permission.

Yes you can use my face in pictures with my service dog in training or service dog

Please do not use my face in pictures with my service dog in training or service dog



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“PTSD & Triggers” Checklist We understand this is hard, just be honest. This helps us understand your strengths and weaknesses for focus training. We also watch each other for triggers since most all of us have similar triggers.

_____ Nightmares, flashbacks or vivid memories

_____ Feeling emotionally cut off from others

_____ Feeling like no one understands you

_____ Feeling numb, distant, lost interest in things

_____ Constant fear you're in danger

_____ Lots of anxiety, jittery needing to flee or fight

_____ Lack of sleeping, insomnia

_____ Not being able to focus on one thing

_____ Substance Abuse (This does NOT auto disqualify you; you are NOT alone!!!)

_____ Medical Marijuana (This does NOT disqualify you; you are NOT alone!!!)

_____ Smells - What smells _____

_____ Sounds - What sounds _____

_____ Lights - What lights _____

_____ Taste - What food _____

Any other triggers you experience: _____



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Acknowledgment , Terms & Conditions

DFW Canines for Veterans/DFW Canines Rescue and Adoptions is a 501c3 non profit organization and relies on donations to place our service dogs. It takes a long time to search, train and place a service dog at a cost of \$20,000-\$30,000. Consequently, DFW Canines for Veterans has the best interest of our service dog in mind when placing that service dog with the applicant.

If the recipient is no longer able to care for the service dog, the recipient will contact DFW Canines for Veterans and arrangements will be made to have the dog returned to us at the recipient's expense.

Therefore, DFW Canines for Veterans reserves the right to deny any applicant at any stage of the process of our entire program.

We also reserve the right to remove a placed dog from a recipient for any reason at any given time. Additionally, if the recipient should pass away, the service dog must be returned to DFW Canines for Veterans.

I/We, the above named person and/or persons, hereinafter referred to as "DFW Canines for Veterans" and its individual members, board members, and volunteers, jointly and severally, from all claims for personal injury and/or property damage to myself or others associated with this program.

We make every effort to evaluate each and every dog and train each dog to the best of our abilities. You are responsible for the upkeep of your training and socialization of your service dog including during and/or after graduation. If you need extra training please contact us ASAP to make arrangements for refresher trainings. DFW Canines for Veterans makes no explicit or implicit guarantees in reference to the health and/or temperament of the dog. The dog is placed "as is" and the recipient assumes all responsibility for treatment of any and all existing conditions. Or any other physical, medical or temperament changes that may occur in the future. DFW Canines for Veterans cannot guarantee the health of any animal and shall not be held responsible for any medical expenses which may be incurred, hereby expressly excluding any implied or express warranties of merchantability or fitness for any particular purpose, including, without limitation, any warranties regarding health, temperament.



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OTHER USES: This DOG will not be used for breeding, rituals, racing, fighting, and medical or experimentation purposes. It will be nothing other than Service Dog.

All dogs **MUST BE** spayed or neutered, microchipped and current on all vaccinations. **NO** dogs are permitted to breed unless they are in a specific and established breeding program for working dogs. Prior authorization **MUST** be given by DFW Canines for Veterans.

TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP: The dog shall **NOT** be sold, given to, or adopted to anyone else, nor shall there be any transfer of ownership to any firm, corporation, or organization of other homeless animals, such as another rescue facility, or animal shelter without express permission from DFW Canines for Veterans.

Recipient will allow DFW Canines for Veterans sufficient time to arrange for a suitable accommodations for the dog. Recipient will inform DFW Canines for Veterans if the dog has any behavioral or medical conditions, which makes the dog unsuitable for Service Dog work. Return transportation is adopter's responsibility. If the dog becomes lost, recipient will notify DFW Canines for Veterans immediately.

Once application is received our board will meet and the approval process will begin, submitting an application is not a automatic approval. We will **NOT** process incomplete applications and missing paperwork.

You are responsible for all veterinary care of your dog. You also agree to carry dog insurance on your service dog in training and/or service dog.

In the event that any abuse to the service dog in training and/or service dog DFW Canines for Veterans will press legal charges and/or charge you for the training of the service dogs in training up to date. We do **NOT** tolerate any verbal, physical or sexual abuse of our service dogs in training and/or service dogs.

All training aids will be provided by DFW Canines for Veterans and you agree to **ONLY** use the provided and/or approved training aids by DFW Canines for Veterans.



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My Service Dog in Training and/or Service Dog will always have his/her Service Dog harness and ID tags on at all times while the dog is working. While not working, a AirTag or Tile will be maintained on the dogs collar at all times!

This agreement releases **{DFW Canines for Veterans}** from all liability relating to injuries that may occur **{during any training, event, activity, on location, etc.}**. By signing this agreement, I agree to hold **{DFW Canines for Veterans}** entirely free from any liability, including financial responsibility for injuries incurred, regardless of whether injuries are caused by negligence. I also acknowledge the risks involved in **{training service dogs in training or service dogs}**. These include but are not limited to **{any risks including dog bites, falling, damage and/or loss}**. I swear that I am participating voluntarily, and that all risks have been made clear to me. Additionally, I do not have any conditions that will increase my likelihood of experiencing injuries while engaging in this activity. By signing below I forfeit all right to bring a suit against **{DFW Canines for Veterans}** for any reason. In return, I will receive **{during service dog training}**. I will also make every effort to obey safety precautions as listed in writing and as explained to me verbally. I will ask for clarification when needed.

I, _____, fully understand and agree to the above terms

By signing this I hereby agree to above contract.

Print Signature: _____ Date: _____

Sign Signature: _____ Date: _____

Medical Release Form for Disabled Veteran



MEDICAL REFERENCE FORM TO BE COMPLETED BY THE APPLICANT:

I understand that information to be released may include medical information, diagnosis, drug abuse, alcohol abuse, psychological or psychiatric impairments, and/or other physical conditions. I certify this authorization is made voluntarily. I understand that the information to be released is protected under state and federal laws and cannot be redisclosed without further written consent unless provided for by state and federal laws. I understand I may revoke this authorization at any time, except to the extent that action has already been taken. If not previously revoked, this consent will not expire from date of signature.

Print Signature: _____ Date: _____

Sign Signature: _____ Date: _____

Signature of witness Relationship _____

Date: _____



Personal Reference for Service Dog Application for Disabled Veteran

PERSONAL REFERENCE FORM TO BE COMPLETED PERSONAL REFERENCE: NON RELATIVE
(Must be over 18 to complete)

Your name has been given as a personal reference by, _____ who is applying to DFW Canines for Veterans 501c3 non profit org. for a service dog. It is important that we assess each applicant's needs carefully in an effort to match suitable dog partners for our potential recipients. Thank you for taking the time to answer the following questions. If necessary, use a separate sheet of paper. Please return the completed form from dfwcaninesforveterans@gmail.com Questions? 817-480-3316. All references are kept private and confidential!

Your first name: _____ Your last name: _____

Address: _____

Street City/State/Zip _____

Relationship to applicant (e.g., friend, coworker): _____

1. How long have you known the applicant? _____

2. Describe, in detail, the applicant's personality (e.g., shy, outgoing, patient, impulsive, ect): _____

3. Is the applicant, a "dog person"? _____

4. Does the applicant have a dog now? _____

5. If so, how many? _____

6. Do you think that a service dog would improve the applicant's life?

If so, in what way? _____

7. How do you think a service dog would help the applicant mentally?

Anything else you would like to add?



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8. What facilities does the applicant have for exercise and a dog's well-being?

9. Does the applicant have or have access to a fenced yard?

10. service dog can be a big help, but comes with responsibilities. Will the applicant be able to care for the dog's needs (ex: exercise, play, quality pet food, vet care)?

11. the applicant would need assistant with any of the above, do you know who would be available to help? _____

12. How does the applicant handle emotional challenges (e.g., anger, disappointments)

13. Does the applicant express bitterness and frustration toward his/her disability?

If so, how? _____

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14. Do you think the applicant's family and friends are supportive of the idea of having a service dog? _____

15. is the immediate support group of the applicant (i.e., spouse, partner, sister, close friend etc). _____

16. In your opinion, is the applicant well suited physically, emotionally, and mentally to work with and handle a dog? _____

17. Other comments:

Printed Signature: _____ Date: _____

Signed Signature: _____ Date: _____

Thank you for taking the time to fill this out for your friend. This information will remain private and confidential including to the veteran, if you send this to us directly. Or if you have any concerns or questions please call us. All information is kept private and confidential.

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