

Patriot Service Dogs  
10545 SE 42<sup>nd</sup> Ct  
Belleview, FL 34420



## Volunteer Application Form

Thank you for your interest in volunteering for Patriot Service Dogs. Please fill out this form and return to Patriot Service Dogs to receive consideration for a volunteer position. You may mail this form to our mailing address listed above.

Patriot Service Dogs is a 501(c)(3) organization working to provide quality service dogs to veterans in need. We invite volunteers over the age of 21 and of any race or creed or sexual orientation to engage with us and provide vital skills to our dogs in training.

After we receive your application, we will contact you and arrange for an interview in person or by phone with our volunteer coordinator. All information on this form will be kept confidential and will help us find the perfect volunteer project for you.

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address:

\_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

**We are always looking for “weekend raisers” to help provide a well-rounded training for our service dogs raised in prison. “Weekend raising is usually a four day commitment from Thursday until Sunday/ Monday. Do you have skills, special interests or experience that you would like us to consider when placing you into an appropriate position if different from regular “weekend raising activities”?**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact:

Name:

Phone:

Relationship:

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Neighbor Contact

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Contact (c) \_\_\_\_\_ (h) \_\_\_\_\_

**Volunteering with Patriot Service Dogs is a wonderful activity for the whole family. We encourage both families and individuals to fill out an application. We welcome all volunteers regardless of age, race, sexual orientation, or religious affiliation.**

**Family Information-**

Please list the adults (over the age of 18 years old) and their relationship to you, that reside in your home

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please list all children (17 and under) that reside in your home and list their age.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Does your entire family support this project? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

How many animals live in your home? \_\_\_\_\_

List the type of animal(s) living in your home.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please describe your home. (size, fenced yard, flooring types, etc.)

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**Patriot Service Dogs is interested in your history with dogs and the training they may have received. Please know if you have never owned a dog or if your own dogs do not have training- we are happy to help "train" you and have you volunteer with us.**

**EXPERIENCE**

Have you ever raised a puppy (8-week-old) before? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you owned dogs in the past and what ages? \_\_\_\_\_

Did you attend obedience training with any of your past dogs? \_\_\_\_\_

**VETERINARIAN INFORMATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

IF WE FEEL IT NECESSARY, DO WE HAVE YOUR PERMISSION TO CONTACT THEM TO CHECK ON YOUR PREVIOUS CARE OF ANIMALS? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

**We understand there are many opportunities for you to volunteer and we appreciate you choosing Patriot Service Dogs. We are proud of the work we do for veterans and hope you are able to enjoy a volunteering opportunity with us.**

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**Being a puppy raiser/ Weekend raiser can be an exciting and rewarding experience. We do take this volunteer position very seriously so please consider the following before signing below. Questions one and two pertain to a full-time raisers only.**

EXPECTATIONS OF A PUPPY RAISER

1. Care for the needs of an 8-week-old puppy, which will need attention every two hours during the day and possibly during the night for the first month.
2. Crate training/housebreaking
3. Spend at least 30 minutes a day doing obedience training, working on at least 4-6 or more commands each week.
4. Spend at least 3 hours a week socializing the puppy in public places. This includes having the puppy accompany you to shopping excursions, doctors' appointments (when appropriate), religious services, and neighborhood gatherings.
5. Expose the puppy, (after 12 weeks of age), to as many varied types of exposures as possible. Not just the same routine.
6. The puppy needs to be raised as an indoor dog. Keep in mind how it will live as a future service dog. We will provide all kennels, bowls and necessary supplies.
7. As you are socializing your puppy, help educate the public about Service Dogs.
8. Represent Patriot Service Dogs, Inc. in a professional & positive light at all times.
9. Released service puppies/career change puppies may not be offered to the puppy trainer/raiser. Our goal is to find a working position for all of our puppies whenever possible.

Are you willing and able to do all of the above? \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

I will return the puppy I raise to Patriot Service Dogs, Inc. when requested to do so.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Please mail this application & waivers to:**

Patriot Service Dogs    Attn: Julie Sanderson  
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Please direct any questions to Mike Appelbaum 561-673-2867

Patriot Service Dogs, Inc.

**Consent, Release and Hold Harmless Agreement**

In consideration of the services of Patriot Service Dogs, Inc., its employees, directors, agents, officers, volunteers, participants, and all other persons or entities acting in any capacity on their behalf, and for other good and valuable consideration, I hereby agree to release and discharge them from liability arising from negligence, on behalf of myself, my spouse, my children, my parents, my heirs, assigns, personal representative and estate as follows:

1. I acknowledge that animal operations entail known and unanticipated risks that could result in physical or emotional injury, paralysis, death to myself and other persons, and also property damage. Risks include, among other things: bites, scratches, torn skin, bruises, and damaged clothing or other property. I understand that such risks simply cannot be eliminated without jeopardizing the essential qualities of the activity.
2. I expressly agree and promise to accept and assume all risks existing in this activity or as a result of contact with an animal. My participation is purely voluntary, and I elect to participate despite the risks.
3. I hereby voluntarily release, forever discharge, and agree to indemnify and hold harmless Patriot Service Dogs, Inc. from any and all claims, demands, or causes of action which are in any way connected with my participation as a volunteer, my use of their equipment or facilities, my adopting or fostering an animal arising from negligence. This release does not apply to claims arising from gross negligence or intentional conduct. Should Patriot Service Dogs, Inc. or anyone acting on their behalf, be required to incur attorney's fees and costs to enforce this agreement, I agree to indemnify and hold them harmless for all such fees and costs.
4. I certify that I have adequate insurance to cover any injury or damage I may cause or suffer while participating, or else I agree to bear the costs of such injury or damage to myself.
5. In the event that I file a lawsuit, I agree to do so solely in the state of Florida, and further agree that the substantive law of Florida shall apply in this action.
6. I agree that if any portion of this agreement is found to be void or unenforceable, the remaining portion shall remain in full force and effect.

By signing this document, I agree that if anyone is hurt or property is damaged during my participation in this activity, I may be found by a court of law to have waived my right to maintain a lawsuit against the parties being released based on any claim for negligence from which I have released them herein. I have had sufficient time to read this entire document, understand its contents, and I agree to be bound by its terms.

I certify that the statements made in this volunteer application are true and have been given voluntarily. I understand that this information will be held in the strictest confidence, and I release Patriot Service Dogs, Inc. from any liability whatsoever for supplying such information. I also understand that I will not be paid for my services as a volunteer.

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I give Patriot Service Dogs, Inc. permission to verify the credentials that I have presented, such as driver's license, DMV records, and/or medical licenses.

I understand that any and all animals in my care belong to Patriot Service Dogs, Inc. and must be returned to their coordinator immediately upon request.

I understand that any photo taken, given or electronically mailed to Patriot Service Dogs can & may be used in any publications or the website and all will become the property of Patriot Service Dogs and I agree there will be no compensation for any usage of said photos in publications or on the website. I also give permission to use any photos submitted or taken of myself or family may also be used in publications or on the website.

Signature:

Date:

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Release and Waiver of Liability Agreement

I, \_\_\_\_\_ AM AWARE THAT ANY EVENT INVOLVING DOGS IS A POTENTIALLY HAZARDOUS ACTIVITY, AND I VOLUNTARILY PARTICIPATE WITH PATRIOT SERVICE DOGS, INC. WITH THE FULL KNOWLEDGE OF THE POTENTIAL DANGER INVOLVED. I AGREE TO ASSUME ANY AND ALL RISKS OF BODILY INJURY TO MYSELF, OR MY DOG, OR OF ANY PROPERTY DAMAGE WHILE VOLUNTEERING WITH PATRIOT SERVICE DOGS, INC.

I verify this statement by placing my initials here \_\_\_\_\_.

As consideration for being permitted by Patriot Service Dogs, Inc. to volunteer, I hereby agree that I, my assignees, heirs, guardians, next of kin, spouse, partner and/or legal representatives will not make a claim against, sue, or attach the property of the Patriot Service Dogs, Inc. for injury or damage resulting from the negligence or other acts, however caused, by any director, employee, agent, or volunteer of the Patriot Service Dogs, Inc..

Moreover, I forever release the Patriot Service Dogs, Inc. and its officers, directors, employees, agents, volunteers, and/or representatives from and against any and all claims, demands, causes of action, losses, liabilities, damages and expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees and costs) that I, my assignees, heirs, guardians, next of kin, spouse, and legal representatives now have, or may hereafter have, for injury or damage resulting from my participation as a volunteer, or arising out of my use of the premises or property of Patriot Service Dogs, Inc..

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS AGREEMENT AND FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENTS. I AM AWARE THAT THIS IS A RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE PATRIOT SERVICE DOGS, INC. AND MYSELF AND SIGN IT OF MY OWN FREE WILL. VOLUNTEER INFORMATION (please print):

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ ate \_\_\_\_\_

Volunteer (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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