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PUPPY RAISER APPLICATION

***** Please note: Incomplete or illegible applications will not be accepted. Please fill out completely and legibly. *****

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home number: _____

Cell number: _____

Work number: _____

Email: _____

Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY): _____ If under 18, parent name(s): _____

APPLICANTS MUST BE AT LEAST 9 YEARS OLD WITH PARENTAL APPROVAL

Marital Status: Single Married Separated Divorced Widowed Domestic Partnership

Shirt Size: _____ Do you have access to military bases? YES NO

Type of Home: House Apartment Condo Townhouse Other

Please describe home: _____

Employer: _____

Position/Title: _____

Address: _____

How many hours a week do you work? _____

How many people live in your household? _____

Please provide name/age/relationship to you. (Please attach additional sheets if necessary):

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Do you have any pets? YES NO How many? _____

Please provide name, breed, sex, age, and spay/neuter status: (Please attach additional sheets if necessary)

NAME	BREED	SEX	AGE	SPAY/NEUTER STATUS
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Veterinarian Name/Clinic: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Are all animals current on their vaccinations? YES NO

Are all animals friendly with dogs? YES NO

Do you have a fenced-in yard? YES NO

Please describe your yard:

Is any family member home during the day? YES NO

Do you plan to take the dog to work/school with you? YES NO

If NO, what accommodations are you going to make to allow the dog to use the bathroom during the day?

Have you ever raised a dog before? YES NO

Have you ever received any formal obedience training with your dogs? YES NO

Are you willing to raise a dog regardless of breed or sex? YES NO

Are you able to properly train, correct, and restrain a dog up to 100 pounds? YES NO

How much time will you have to train the dog each day? _____



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Are you willing and able to transport the dog to and from Mutts With A Mission? YES NO

Are you willing to attend class weekly? YES NO

Are you willing to attend group outings at designated locations? YES NO

Have you ever raised a puppy for another Service Dog organization? YES NO

If YES, please provide the name of the organization and describe your experience as a puppy/dog raiser/foster home:

Do you know any current or former Mutts With A Mission puppy raisers, graduate Service/Facility Dog teams, staff, or volunteers? YES NO

If YES, who? _____

Why do you want to be a puppy raiser for Mutts With A Mission?

If selected as a puppy raiser, when would you be available to start?

Additional Comments:



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PUPPY RAISER RULES, RESPONSIBILITIES, AND COMMITMENTS

1. The dog I am raising belongs to Mutts With A Mission (MWAM).
2. The dog must live indoors and sleep in a crate or on the floor in the puppy raiser's bedroom. I will not allow the dog to sleep on the bed or any furniture.
3. I will give the dog attention and love.
4. I will consistently reinforce housetraining and in-house manners. At no time will the dog be allowed on the furniture, to mouth people, jump on people, or beg for food. I will not allow chasing of the dog or rough housing.
5. I will only allow the dog to interact/play with other household pets and known dogs under supervision.
6. I understand MWAM will provide all food, treats, and supplies and pay all veterinary bills.
7. I will use only toys approved by MWAM.
8. Balls may be given to the dog to play/exercise. However, all play must occur in a fenced-in area or on leash. When given a cue, (e.g., HERE, GIVE, DROP IT) the dog must be positively reinforced to do so. Allowing the dog to ignore cues is detrimental to his/her training.
9. I agree to **NEVER** let the dog off leash in public or in an unfenced area.
10. I agree to **NEVER** take the dog to a dog park or any other facility where unknown dogs are loose.
11. I will familiarize the dog with various places, sounds, and people of all ages. I commit to working on calm greetings and confidence in new situations.
12. I will positively reinforce the dog for calm behavior when having his/her nails trimmed and while being groomed.
13. I will walk the dog regularly on a loose leash and will not allow the dog to pull on the leash.
14. I will properly and consistently utilize any training equipment that the MWAM trainers deem necessary for the dog.
15. I understand that MWAM will occasionally require the dog for demonstrations, public events, or fundraising activities, and I am willing to either attend with the dog or relinquish the dog to another puppy raiser for the day(s).



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16. I agree that MWAM may share my name, phone number, and email address with other MWAM staff and volunteers. I understand that MWAM will provide me with a list of staff and other volunteers. MWAM expects that I will keep this information within the group, and I will only use it for MWAM business.
17. I agree to feed the dog the food that MWAM provides me. I understand dogs may have dietary issues or allergies, and I agree to notify MWAM if the dog is having digestive problems with the food.
18. I will always dress the dog in a MWAM issued vest when I take the dog into public establishments. Dogs should not wear vests when on walks or hikes, nor should they GO POTTY when wearing their vests. I will carry my MWAM issued ID card when in public places.
19. I agree to attend my assigned weekly MWAM training classes. I understand I must attend a minimum of three classes per month. I understand missing training classes and/or outings without prior communication with MWAM could result in removal from puppy raising.
20. I understand I am to house and care for the dog for 3 to 24 months. MWAM shall determine when the dog is to be returned to the facility.
21. I will return the dog to MWAM when requested. I realize returning the dog will be difficult for everyone involved in his/her training. I also understand MWAM may switch dogs between puppy raisers to give the dogs different experiences and to prevent hyper attachment between the dog and puppy raiser.
22. I am aware I am an ambassador for MWAM. When I am in public with the dog, I will conduct myself in a polite and professional manner and will keep the dog under control at all times.
23. I will contact MWAM any time I make plans to go out of town. I will either let MWAM know that I am taking the dog with me (this is preferable, when able), or I will arrange for a puppy sitter from the MWAM approved Respite Puppy Sitter list.
24. I agree that if I cannot or decide not to continue puppy raising the dog, that I will contact MWAM immediately. I will not hesitate to contact MWAM if the dog becomes a problem for any reason. I understand that MWAM will always take a dog back immediately under any circumstances.
25. I understand that not all dogs make acceptable Service or Facility Dogs, and if MWAM releases the dog from MWAM's program, MWAM will determine the re-homing of the dog.



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- 26. I agree to relinquish the dog to MWAM without prior notice. If I refuse to return the dog to MWAM, upon request, I will be responsible for the costs of all legal actions, attorney's fees, and court costs incurred by MWAM to get the dog back. If I initiate any legal action involving my participation with MWAM, the venue for the complaint shall be the Circuit Court in the city of Virginia Beach, VA for state law claims and the Norfolk Division of the Eastern Federal District of Virginia for any federal claims. I further agree to construe this contract and individual paragraphs and provisions according to statute and precedent in the Commonwealth of Virginia.
- 27. I will immediately notify MWAM if the dog suffers any injury or illness while the dog is in my care. If necessary, I will obtain emergency care for the dog and then notify MWAM as soon as realistically possible.
- 28. I have never been convicted of animal cruelty, neglect, or abandonment.
- 29. I hold MWAM harmless for any personal injury or property damage the dog causes while the dog is in my care. I further agree to indemnify MWAM in the event of a third-party suing MWAM over the dog that is in my possession.
- 30. I confirm that I accept the risk that the dog may cause damage or that the dog may harm me or others while the dog is in my possession, and I still want to participate as a puppy raiser.

I have read the above information and agree to these rules, responsibilities, and commitments and understand them. It is also my understanding that if this agreement is not adhered to, the dog may be removed immediately from the premises and placed in another home.

Applicant Name: _____

SIGNATURE

DATE

Name of parent, if under 18: _____

SIGNATURE OF PARENT, IF UNDER 18

DATE