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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: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ If under 18, Parent's name: \_\_\_\_\_

APPLICANTS MUST BE AT LEAST 9 YEARS OLD WITH PARENTAL APPROVAL

Marital Status  SINGLE  MARRIED  SEPARATED  DIVORCED

WIDOWED  DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIP

What do you live in?  HOUSE  APARTMENT  CONDO  TOWNHOUSE  OTHER

Please describe:

\_\_\_\_\_

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

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

If YES, please provide name of organization: \_\_\_\_\_

How would you describe your experience as a puppy/dog raiser/foster home?

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

If YES, who?

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Why do you want to be a puppy raiser for Mutts With A Mission? Please include what kind of participation you are interested in. (puppy raiser only, committee member, fundraising, volunteering etc.)

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Mutts With A Mission's Puppy Raiser Information and Training Class meets one night a week for five weeks. This is a requirement to become a puppy raiser with Mutts With A Mission. Are you willing to attend this class? YES NO

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

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Additional Comments:

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## PUPPY RAISER LIST OF RULES, RESPONSIBILITIES, AND COMMITMENTS

The dog I am raising belongs to Mutts With A Mission.

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.

I will give the dog attention and love.

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 the dog to be chased or rough housed.

The dog will only be allowed to interact/play with other animals under supervision.

I will use only toys approved by Mutts With A Mission.

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 command (come, give, drop) the dog must be positively reinforced to do so. Allowing the dog to ignore commands given is detrimental to his/her training.

I agree to **NEVER** let the dog off leash in public.

I agree **NEVER** to take the dog to a dog park or any type of facility where unknown dogs are loose within a fenced in area.

I will familiarize the dog with various places, sounds, and people of all ages. I commit to working on calm greetings with new people and confidence in new situations.

I will reinforce the dog being handled for nail trimming, teeth brushing, and grooming.

I will walk the dog regularly on a loose leash and will not allow the dog to pull on the leash.

I will properly and consistently utilize any training equipment the trainer(s) at Mutts with a Mission deems necessary for the dog.

I understand that occasionally Mutts With A Mission will need the dog for demonstrations, public events, or fund raising activities and am willing to either attend with the dog or relinquish the dog for the day(s).

I agree that my name, phone number, and email address may be shared with other Mutts With A Mission volunteers.

I agree to feed the food provided by the staff at Mutts With A Mission. Mutts With A Mission understands that each dog has different dietary needs and will consider other foods if the dog has food related issues.



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Dogs taken into public places are to wear a Mutts With A Mission vest identifying him/her as a Service Dog in Training. The puppy raiser is to carry an ID card. Mutts With A Mission will provide both the vest and ID.

I agree to attend a weekly training class provided by Mutts With A Mission.

I agree to attend group outings with other Mutts With A Mission puppy raisers and Service Dogs in Training.

I understand missing trainings and/or outings without prior communication with Mutts With A Mission staff could result in removal from puppy raising.

The dog will live with the puppy raiser for approximately 3 months to 24 months. Mutts With A Mission shall determine when the dog is to be returned to our facility.

I will return the dog to Mutts With A Mission when requested. I realize returning the dog will be difficult for everyone involved in his/her training.

I am aware I am an ambassador for Mutts With A Mission. 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.

I understand if I am scheduled to go out of town, and cannot take the dog with me, I shall contact Mutts With A Mission, to coordinate puppy sitting.

If at any time I as the puppy raiser cannot or decide not to continue raising the dog, I will notify Mutts with a Mission immediately. \*\*\* If raising the dog becomes a problem, please do not hesitate to let Mutts With A Mission know. No matter the circumstances, the dog will be taken back immediately. \*\*\*

I understand not all dogs are cut out to be Service Dogs and if released from Mutts With A Mission they (Mutts With A Mission) will determine the placement of the dog. If the puppy raiser expresses an interest in the dog, they may receive first choice as the adopter if the dog was not removed for improper care at any time and the breeder has not requested first right of return.

I agree to relinquish the dog to Mutts With A Mission without prior notice. If I refuse to return the dog to Mutts With A Mission upon request, I will be responsible for the cost of all legal action, attorney's fees, and court costs required to return the dog.

I will notify Mutts With A Mission immediately if any illness or injury should occur while the dog is in my care. If necessary, I will obtain emergency veterinary care immediately and will contact Mutts With A Mission as soon as realistically possible.

I have never been convicted of animal cruelty, neglect, or abandonment.

I hold Mutts With A Mission harmless for any personal injury or property damage by the dog while he/she is in my care.



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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**