



Puppy Raiser Application

KSDS Assistance Dogs, Inc.

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Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Nos. (Home) _____ (Work) _____

Cell Phone No. _____ E-Mail Address _____

Your Local News Media _____

How did you learn about KSDS Assistance Dogs? _____

Age (if under 18) _____ Will this be a 4-H or Scout project: Yes No

Parent's Names _____

KSDS Assistance Dog uses Labrador Retrievers and Golden Retrievers
Your Preference: _____ Lab _____ Golden _____ Male _____ Female _____ No preference

KSDS offers a Puppy Sitter Program in association with the Topeka Correctional Facility (TCF). Sitters care for the puppy on weekends and occasionally in the evenings during the week. Responsibilities are shared between the handlers at TCF and the sitter. (Please note that you are responsible for transportation to and from the facility in Topeka, KS.)

Would you be interested in participating in our Puppy Sitter Program? Yes No

How many adults are in your home? _____ Children and ages? _____

Do you have other dogs in your home? Yes No If yes, please list and include ages: _____

Have they been spayed or neutered? Yes No

Are they house dogs or outside dogs? House Dogs Outside Dogs
(Please note that all KSDS puppies must be raised as house dogs.)

Do you have other animals? Yes No If yes please list: _____

Do you have experience in dog training? (If so, please explain) _____

Is your yard fenced in? Yes No *If no*, do you have a dog friendly area nearby to exercise your puppy? _____

When do you want to receive a puppy? _____

How many hours each day will the puppy be left alone? (A puppy in cape can gain access to public places including your work, with permission from employer.) _____

Please tell us why you want to raise a KSDS puppy: _____

What are your hobbies or other interests? _____

Please include reference letters from the veterinarian that will be attending the puppy AND one from another person outside the family such as 4-H leader, co-worker, etc.

1. Name _____ 2. Name _____

Address _____ Address _____

City, State, Zip _____ City, State, Zip _____

Phone No. _____ Phone No. _____

Please include pictures of the environment the puppy will be raised in; such as exercise area, your home environment, and any additional photos you feel would be beneficial.

All KSDS Assistance Dogs' puppy raisers must agree to the following conditions:

- To give the puppy a loving and secure home for 18-24 months (may vary)
- To train the puppy according to the KSDS training manual
- To socialize the puppy under normal supervised circumstances
- To send in monthly puppy reports and keep KSDS informed on progress
- To provide proper medical care, routine and emergency, for the puppy
- To return the puppy to KSDS for further training at the required time

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

Parent's Signature _____

(*REQUIRED* if applicant is under 18 years of age)

KSDS Assistance Dogs, Inc. does not discriminate against any person on the basis of race, color, national origin, disability, or age in admission, treatment, or participation in its programs, services, and activities.

**PLEASE RETURN PAGES 1 through 3 to KSDS.
You may keep Page 4 for future reference**

KSDS Mission Statement:

To provide professionally trained guide, service and facility dogs for people in need of a canine partner to enhance their independence, to fully function in society and/or to enrich their professional career responsibilities with the ongoing support of our trainers to ensure proficient working relationships.

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

Date application rec'd. _____ Date vet ref letter rec'd _____
Date personal ref letter rec'd _____ Ackn sent. _____

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Puppy Raiser List of Responsibilities



Home Stay: 18-24 months (may vary)

Financial:

- Thanks to the very generous corporate sponsorship of Hill's Pet Nutrition, puppy raiser families will receive free dog food while raising the KSDS puppy. The puppy should be fed the provided dog food without diet changes unless approved by KSDS. No people food shall be fed.
- Spay or neuter the puppy at four to six months of age and maintain the vaccination program suggested by KSDS. (Some members of the Kansas Veterinary Medical Association are reducing or donating fees for our puppies. You may ask your veterinarian if they are a participating member of the KVMA health care program.) Send KSDS a copy of the spay/neuter bill and KSDS will refund up to \$100 of the cost.
- Maintain a heartworm monthly prevention program. Through generous contributions from Merial Co., Heartgard® is provided to the KSDS puppy raisers.
- Maintain an internal and external parasite control program.

Training:

- Housebreak and teach house manners (puppy must be raised in the home)
- Teach basic obedience: Heel, sit, stay, come, down, etc.
- Teach advance obedience (if applicable): retrieve, tug, etc.
- Teach the puppy to start learning from and communicating with people

Socialization:

- Expose the puppy to different environments and situations.
- Develop good manners for your puppy at home and in public

KSDS will provide a training manual and monthly report forms to send to KSDS so we can monitor puppy progress. An *"Assistance Dog in Training"* cape will be provided after KSDS receives proof of rabies vaccination, for identification of the puppy to the public. The puppy must wear its puppy cape when in public.

Kansas Law (and many other states) does not give puppy raisers "Rights to Access". Puppy raisers must ask for permission before entering businesses and other public places with a puppy.

KSDS encourages puppy raisers to give talks to civic groups, service organizations and others to promote what they are doing. Encourage others to donate their time, services, and financial support to help KSDS continue the placements of canine assistance for people who are visually impaired or physically disabled.

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