



## about ksds

KSDS began as Kansas Specialty Dog Service and was incorporated as a 501(c)3 non-profit in January 1990 with the desire to fill the gap in assistance dog placements in the Midwest. KSDS was the first organization in the nation to train both Guide Dogs and Service Dogs at the same facility.

While the cost of training a KSDS Assistance Dog is estimated at over \$25,000, KSDS places each dog **FREE** of charge. KSDS is able to place these highly trained dogs for free thanks to donations from individuals, corporations, organizations and foundations.

KSDS is proud to be an accredited member of Assistance Dogs International (ADI) a coalition of assistance dog organizations that lead the industry in setting the standards of ethics and training for placing Assistance Dogs.



*If I could wish for three things that could help me with my disability, Aladdin, my service dog, would be the first. He helps me with walking, bracing, and retrieving.*

*'It's a whole new world' with Aladdin in my life!!!*

*–Joleen*



## Service Dog Program

## contact ksds

We look forward to hearing from you!



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## what is a service dog

KSDS Service Dogs are specially trained to provide assistance to people with physical disabilities, from individuals who use wheelchairs for mobility to those requiring a steady four-legged partner to balance them as they walk.

Some of the skills KSDS Service Dogs are trained to do include retrieving dropped or selected items, assisting in dressing and undressing, pulling wheelchairs, bracing for balance or transfers, turning lights on and opening and closing a variety of doors.

KSDS trains Service Dogs specifically for the individual. All dogs placed are in top condition, having passed numerous physical exams. KSDS only trains specially selected black and yellow Labrador Retrievers and Golden Retrievers that have been carefully bred for optimum health and temperament. The goal for a KSDS Service Dog is to be able to assist a person for eight to ten years.

*Each of my KSDS Service Dogs have opened new worlds to me, helping me remain independent when otherwise I wouldn't.*

—Nancy



## how to apply

To receive a KSDS Service Dog, a person must go through a multi-phase application process. The initial application requests basic information, as well as medical and professional references. Video, phone, and personal interviews are utilized to determine an applicant's qualifications.

Additionally, there is a non-refundable \$25 application fee. KSDS will review each application individually with consideration given for the applicant's need for canine assistance, mobility, and ability to maintain the dog's health and training. Upon acceptance into the program, KSDS will notify the applicant when a dog is available and schedule admission into a class.

Due to the high demand for our specially trained dogs, there is at least a two year waiting period for KSDS Service Dogs.

We would be happy to visit with you further about how a KSDS Service Dog may benefit you. If you would like to receive the application packet, or for questions concerning the application process, please contact Client Services at KSDS.



## team training

KSDS Team Training is an intense course that covers all aspects of caring and working with their new KSDS Service Dog. Students will attend the 13 day team training session on the KSDS campus in Washington, Kansas.

All recipients will complete KSDS and Assistance Dogs International requirements and certification evaluations. Students must demonstrate their ability to care for and utilize their dogs before graduation.

Family is welcome to participate in the Team Training as long as they don't disrupt the team's Relationship. In the case of a minor, a parent or legal guardian is required to attend the classes.

Follow-up is always available and teams must re-certify every 5 years. KSDS teaches each recipient to be a responsible dog partner. Graduates sign a contract that gives them ownership after working successfully with the dog for one year.