# evaluation of the suitability of a potential service dog candidate

This form will be used to evaluate potential service dogs and handlers for placement in an Owner Trained Program. • A dog that passes this assessment is not a service dog in training until they successfully complete a probation period of 20 training sessions (1 hour each) with a qualified trainer to prepare them for a Public Access Test. • Once a dog passes its Public Access Test (PAT), only then can it wear a service dog in a training vest, and only in the environments where training has been successful. Evaluation and probation should be done in stores or public places that allow dogs. For example, dogs in Calgary should be familiar with the C-train and training at the South Centre Mall.

1. Name:
2. Email:
3. Mailing Address:
4. Phone :
5. Home:
6. Work:
7. Cell:
8. Signed waiver?
9. Date of assessment
10. Location(s), including parking lot
11. Breed(s)?
12. Weight?
13. Suitable breed and size?
14. Dog’s age and DOB (should be over 6 months)
15. How long has this dog been living with you?
16. At which age did you acquire the dog?
17. Proof that the dog is fully vaccinated
18. Note the microchip number or tattoo.
19. Customary veterinarian:
20. Fixed or intact?
21. Has the dog bitten or attempted to bite any dog or human?
22. Any timidity, aggression, reactivity or fear issues?
23. Is the dog on any medications? In the recent past?
24. Any known medical issues?
25. Please describe previous homes/shelters/living arrangements.
26. Did you meet the parents?
27. Health testing, e.g. CAER eye testing with a veterinary ophthalmologist, OFA certification for hip dysplasia, etc. according to breed risks
28. Neither extremely submissive, stubborn or headstrong?
29. The dog is balanced, calm, and going.
30. Low startle response to noise, recovers quickly.
31. Enjoys interacting with strangers.
32. Social and friendly with strange dogs and people, but not over the top.
33. Able to focus on the handler, even with distractions in a busy public place.
34. Willingness to learn?
35. Has basic obedience training.
36. Low touch sensitivity when handled by a stranger, including ears, mouth, paws, and tail.
37. Clean, well groomed, appropriate weight and condition.
38. No food or resource guarding/aggression.
39. Not over the top excited about toys or food rewards
40. Interacts appropriately with other dogs (no hackles up, overstimulation, extremely pushy rough play, etc.)
41. Any chasing or predation with other animals, e.g. birds, cats, rabbits, rodents.
42. Bite/protection/guard dog training?
43. Ability to quietly relax in all environments?
44. How comfortable is the dog waiting in their crate or vehicle?
45. Travels well and relaxed response to new places, people and things, with few signs of stress or anxiety
46. Accepts guidance, containment and boundaries willingly and readily.
47. How comfortable is the dog when the handler is out of sight or separated in a different room?
48. Follows a stranger away from the handler while on a leash
49. Calm in public
50. The handler is confident and appropriately manages the dog when required
51. Uses positive reinforcement, praise, toys or food rewards?
52. Does not overuse food rewards
53. Understands the duration of the owner-trained program, probation period and high chance of failure.
54. Understands access rights, including excusal for elimination or inappropriate behaviour.

Signatures

Print names

Recommendation for a probationary period?

Comments?