



Dog Guides Canada is a national charity whose mission is to provide service dogs to Canadians with physical and medical disabilities in the areas of mobility, safety and independence. Our school trains four different types of Dog Guides.

Canine Vision Dog Guides are trained for Canadians who are blind or visually impaired so that they can achieve safer methods of mobility. Hearing Ear Dogs Guides are trained to distinguish sounds, make contact with the deaf or hard of hearing handler, and lead them to the source of the sound. Special Skills Dog Guides are trained to assist and enhance the lives of Canadians who have a physical or medical disability. Seizure Response Dog Guides are trained to assist clients with epilepsy by responding to their seizures.

The dogs in our programs come from both our own breeding program and from generous breeders and individuals across Canada. The dogs in our Adoption Program have been raised in volunteer foster homes where they have been socialized, house trained and crate trained. Some the dogs may be disqualified from our programs due to temperament and/or health reasons. These dogs may or may not have received some formal Dog Guide training. This is strictly dependant on what stage they were at when they were disqualified. Further obedience training may be recommended once placed in the adoptive home. We also occasionally have dogs returned for adoption that are retiring from a working environment. These dogs have completed Dog Guide training, but are to be family pets now that they are retired.

All of the dogs are spayed or neutered and vaccinations are updated if needed prior to adoption. There is also a two-week trial period with all adoptions to ensure that the dog is a suitable fit with your family. An adoption fee is charged for all dogs based on breed, age, level of training and reason for disqualification. Fees range from \$1000-\$1500, although fees for dogs with medical issues or retiring dogs are assessed case by case. This adoption fee helps us to cover the many costs associated with the care, veterinary expenses and training of Dog Guides as well as helps us continue our efforts to provide Dog Guides to those in need at no cost.

If you wish to be on our waiting list to adopt a disqualified or retiring dog, please complete and return the enclosed application form. Applications are processed by date received and are held in sequence. The waiting period can be up to a year or more at times, depending on the number of dogs we are seeking homes for and suitability of the dogs to applicants. We will be in contact with you when there is a dog suitable to your needs. Your application will be kept on file for one year. If you have not been contacted within that time and wish to extend the application further please contact us at the number listed below. Please be sure to call and update your application if your situation changes or you wish to be taken off the waiting list.

Thank you for your inquiry into our Dog Adoption Program.

Sincerely,

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DOG ADOPTION APPLICATION

Date of Application: _____ **When will you be ready to adopt?** _____

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **Province:** _____ **Postal Code:** _____

Telephone: Home: (_____) _____ **Work:** (_____) _____

Cell#: _____ **Email:** _____

1. Have you ever owned a dog? Yes No

If you answered no to the above question, please describe your dog experience(s).

Please list below dogs you own, or have owned in past;

Type/Breed of Dog	Activity Level	Sex	Fixed?	Owned When?	Owned for How Long?	Do you still have? /What happened to dog?

2. If you have had dogs in the past, how & where did you obedience train them? _____

3. Do you presently have any other pets in your household? Cat Bird Other

Please specify: (i.e. how many, breed, age, sex, neutered/spayed, etc.)

4. How many people presently live in your household? _____

Will the dog be around children? If so what ages? _____

Does anyone in your household have pet allergies? _____

Are there any special considerations you have in adopting a dog? _____

5. Please describe your home: Detached Townhouse Apartment Building Other _____

Do you Own or Rent ? If you rent, are dogs permitted where you live? Yes No

Please describe your yard. No Yard Small Yard Large Yard Farm/Acreage

If you have a yard is it: Fully fenced Partially fenced Open Invisible Fenced

Please describe your fencing (height, material): _____

How and where do you plan to exercise your dog? _____

6. Many of the dogs that are disqualified from our programs have only had basic house training and obedience. Are you prepared to take the dog to training/obedience classes? Yes No

7. Where will the dog stay when you are;

i) At home with him/her?

In a dog crate Will have the run of the house In a dog run outside

Outside In the garage In a room in the house In the basement

ii) Not at home with him/her?

In a dog crate Will have the run of the house In a dog run outside

Outside In the garage In a room in the house In the basement

8. Will someone be home during the day with the dog? Yes No

If not, for how many hours will your dog be left alone? : _____

Will someone be home at lunch to let the dog out? Yes No

9. Please describe the type of dog you would like to adopt:

****Please note that specific requests may mean a longer waiting period until such a dog is available.***

i) Male or Female is fine Male only *Female only *Note the wait for females is usually much longer.

**ii) Labrador Retriever Standard Poodle Miniature Poodle Jack Russell Terrier
Cocker Spaniel Border Terrier Golden Retriever (not always available) No preference**

Are there other breeds that you might be interested in if available? _____.

Is there a particular color that is your sole interest? _____.

*Note also the wait for yellow and chocolate labs is usually much longer as there tend to be fewer in our programs.

iii) What size? Large (50lbs+) Medium (20-49lbs) Small (up to 20lbs)

iv) What age? Any age Adult (~1-3 yrs old) Retired (~8 years old+)

10. What type of activity level are you looking for in a dog?

Always calm Somewhat active Very Active

Types of things you would like to do with your dog? _____.

11. Are you prepared to accept the responsibilities associated with adopting a dog that has special needs or health issues? Yes No (Such issues could include Allergies, Special Dietary needs, exercise restrictions etc.)

12. I have read the attached letter and understand that I will be contacted by Dog Guides Canada when an appropriate dog is available for adoption and I am fully aware of the associated adoption fees.

I agree that being a responsible dog owner entails a commitment to the well-being of the dog, and am aware that the dog will need to visit a veterinarian on an annual basis. I understand that additional veterinary care may be required as a result of illness, accident, parasites or other medical conditions and that the associated costs will be my entire responsibility. I also understand that I am required to abide by all municipal dog-related by-laws and that I will be liable for any damages the dog may cause to people or property.

I have read and understand the above paragraph and hereby wish to apply to adopt a disqualified dog

Signature: _____ Date: _____