



Pawsitive Squad Assistance Dog Program Application for individuals aged 16 to 30, applying to train your own dog to support your needs	
Your name:	
You like to be called (e.g. nickname):	
My pronouns are:	
My date of birth:	
Address:	
Email:	
In Case of Emergency (ICE) contacts	
Emergency contact 1 name:	
Emergency contact 1's relation to me:	
Emergency contact 1 mobile:	
Emergency contact 1 email:	
Emergency contact 1's address:	
Emergency contact 2 name:	
Emergency contact 2's relation to me:	
Emergency contact 2 mobile:	
Emergency contact 2 email address:	
Emergency contact 2's address:	
Pawsitive Squad & Assistance dog training	
Why have you decided to train your dog to be an assistance dog? How long have you been actively considering this?	
Why have you chosen Pawsitive Squad to apply to over other organisations? Have you applied to other organisations in the past? If yes, what was the outcome.	
Eligibility Criteria	
Please outline your disabilities:  <i>(as defined by the Equality Act, 2010 as "Have a physical or mental impairment which has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on a person's ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities")</i>	
Please list which 3 or more assistive tasks ( <i>outlined in the eligibility criteria</i> ) the child/children require <b>outside the home</b> , which will significantly lessen the impact their disabilities have on daily living.	



Social	
Who lives at home with you – names & relationship to you. please include date of birth of anyone under 18.	
Are you able to independently make informed decisions? If no or if this has been assessed, please provide evidence from your GP or court of protection.	
Does you have an EHCP, continuing health care package/ direct payments? Do you receive PIP? <i>e.g. enhanced mobility, standard care PIP, 12 hour continuing care package.</i>	
Does you require a changing place for personal care?	
Any other health, social or educational information you feel we should be aware of? <i>You may wish to share information relating to things such as safeguarding, trauma, medication scheduling that might impact on training, any needs your children have etc.</i>	
Health	
What disabilities and health conditions are you diagnosed with & how do these impact on daily living? Please attach evidence of diagnosis. <i>A GP summery or diagnosis list from a clinic letter or DLA award are most common, we don't need loads of reports or evidence for any disability which we will not be training for and is unlikely to impact on training or assistance dog handling. We do not require evidence of the impact.</i>	
Are you under medical investigations for any undiagnosed difficulties?	
GP practice name & address	
Any allergies or sensitivities? If yes, what?	
Do you have any sensory differences? <i>Please include difficulty seeing, hearing, communicating or sensory processing differences)?</i>	
What medication & equipment do you require in public (e.g. inhaler, oxygen, rescue meds, suction, wheelchair, splints etc).	



Treatments, therapies & care	
Type of treatment/therapy/care/support	How often do you receive this treatment/therapy/care/support
Physiotherapy	Monthly appointments with physio program I do daily at home
Community psychiatric nurse visits	Weekly visits
Support from carer	Carer visits 3 x per week on Wednesday – Friday evenings
Daily Living	
What sports, hobbies and leisure activities do you engage in regularly (both at home and outside the home):	
Please list spaces, types of business/organisations (e.g. shops, café, library, school etc) and named organisations (e.g. signing with sign along) you access on at least a fortnightly basis:	
Are there any activities you wish you could do but currently are unable to access currently?	
The Dog	
Dog's Name:	
Dog's Breed:	
Microchip Number:	
Dogs DoB:	
Dogs Gender:	
Weight:	
Colour & markings:	
What Flea and worm products do you use?	
Does your dog have any pre-existing health problems?	
What motivates your dog? Toys, dog treats, strokes	
Any behavioural or emotional issues e.g. barking, toileting inside, anxious.	
Has your dog ever received any type of training (e.g. puppy, obedience) from another organisation? If yes where, when and for how long? e.g. 6 week block of puppy classes with bobs dog training	



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I confirm that, to the best of my knowledge, all information provided in this application form is accurate.  
I understand that deliberately providing false or misleading information may result in refusal of application or removal from the assistance dog program without warning or refund.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please scroll down to page 4 for the assistance dog program contract. This must be signed and dated.



## **Assistance Dog and Assistance Dog in Training Customer Agreement**

### **Terms**

- Either party, refers to Pawsitive Squad CIC, the responsible handler, owner, or child.
- The responsible handler refers to the parent/carer who is trained and assessed by Pawsitive Squad with the dog or, if aged 16-25, the owner handling their dog independently with primary responsibility for the dog.

### **Responsible Handler & Client conduct**

#### **Conflicts of interest**

- As a Pawsitive Squad customer you agree protect the intellectual property of Pawsitive Squad. This means you agree not to share information about the administrative processes, assessments, details of training activities & exercises, training methods and any other secrets of the organisation. You understand that sharing the intellectual property of Pawsitive Squad can result in removal from Pawsitive Squad and legal action being taken against you.
- Pawsitive Squad members & trained dogs may not be registered with, be associated, or obtain assistance task, puppy, obedience or public access training from any other trainer, canine industry professional or organisation once registered on our program. You agree to declare any additional training your dog has received. The only exception is if behaviourist intervention is required with the trainer's agreement.
- You must declare any professional potential conflicts of interest, whenever they may arise especially if you're working/ volunteering in or studying any animal, therapy, or youth disability related discipline.
- The board of directors decide if any potential conflict of interests make a client unsuitable to access our services. Their decision is final.
- You may not continue to use any other dog training services.

#### **Bronze award**

- You understand and agree not to take your pet dog into any places that pet dogs are not permission (even if you have permission) until your dog has passed their bronze award and been issued with their bronze award certificate.
- You understand and agree not to dress your dog in any equipment (including but not limited to jackets, bandanas or leads) labelling your dog as an assistance dog or service dog in training.
- You agree not to share on social media that your dog is training as an assistance dog with us until the bronze award has been passed & certificate issued.

#### **The person the assistance dog is trained/ in training to support**

- When you are out with your dog you are representing Pawsitive Squad CIC. Even if your dog isn't wearing Pawsitive Squad identifiable equipment, some people will be aware that your dog has trained with Pawsitive Squad. We therefore expect you not to behave in an aggressive, discriminatory or prejudice manner while handling your dog.



- Should your dog have passed their gold award and face an access issue you should follow the Pawsitive Squad protocol for access refusals. If a member of the public is rude to you, please walk away. If your dog is still in training and you receive an access refusal you must accept this and walk away. We ask that you report all access refusals to us even if your dog is in training.
- No child under 10 may handle the dog in public spaces without a parent/carer holding a primary control lead (i.e. dual handling) at any time.
- You agree to handle your dog using positive reinforcement and negative punishment techniques outlined in your training only, without the use of physical correction or unnecessary force. This includes the use of aversive training techniques (such as pinning, excessive verbal punishment, leash corrections) or aversive equipment (such as choke chains, training disks, shock, or spray collars).
- You agree to follow our customer conduct, safeguarding and website terms & conditions.
- You agree to follow our grievance policy should any issues arise.

### **Canine Health & welfare**

- You, as the dog's owner are solely responsible for your dog's health including all points outlined below and any related costs. All the below apply to all assistance dogs and assistance dogs in training, whatever level the dog is at.
- Your dog must be insured by the owner/responsible handler, as an assistance dog/assistance dog in training for veterinary cover and public liability. If you fail to obtain insurance or allow your policy to lapse and a claim is made against your dog, you understand and accept that you're solely responsible for any costs including the cost of legal claims made against your dog and vets fees.
- You agree to conduct weekly head to toe inspections of your dog and provide appropriate home dental care.
- Should your insurance lapse you agree not to work your dog in public until a new, appropriate policy is obtained.
- You agree to obtain primary and booster vaccinations in at least leptospirosis, distemper, hepatitis, and parvovirus at the frequency recommended by your vet.
- We do not accept canine vaccinations using homeopathic prophylactics.
- You agree to flea, worm and tick treat your dog with a suitable product and at the frequency recommended by your veterinarian. Your vet report must state the recommended brand of product.
- You agree to keep health and care records, recording all health and care related events (flea treating, worming, head to toe examinations, grooming etc) and ensure these are submitted through the Dropbox links by the deadlines stated.
- Dogs cannot be used for guiding, balance, or counterbalance work.
- You agree to obtain 6 monthly veterinary checks and agree to upload the vet report to Pawsitive Squad upon request
- If the outdoor temperature is 27 degrees or over, assistance dogs may not be worked/trained outside at all.
- We do not allow kennel use at all for our dogs however you may utilise a dog walker or sitter as long as they only use welfare friendly (no aversive) handling techniques.



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- Failure to keep your dog's insurance, health reports, vaccination and flea, worm, and tick treatment up to date will result in the removal of your dog as an assistance dog or assistance dog in training from Pawsitive Squad CIC.
- You are responsible for uploading records and reports within the stated time frame without reminders from Pawsitive Squad CIC.

### **Feeding**

- Due to potential risks posed by raw feeding including the potential for parasites and bacteria such as E-coli, Salmonella and Listeria which aren't killed by freezing produce, we do not allow any dogs accessing Pawsitive Squad services or joining Pawsitive Squad as an assistance dog or assistance dog in training to be given a raw food diet. You agree not to feed your dog anything containing raw meat or unpasteurised milk. This includes not feeding any raw meat or unpasteurised milk products as treats.
- Your dog must be kept at a healthy weight as determined by your veterinarian. Your 6 monthly health report must state your dogs' weight and whether this is an acceptable weight for your dog. We will temporarily remove your dog as an assistance dog/assistance dog in training if your veterinarian feels your dog is excessively over or underweight for a non-medical reason. If your dog is slightly outside the correct weight bracket you must follow a veterinarian supported plan for your dog to return to the correct weight.

### **Canine Behaviour and Training**

- The responsible handler & legal owner are solely responsible the dog's behaviour, training, welfare and the dog entirely. While your dog will be thoroughly assessed we only see your dog for a small percentage of the time and therefore Pawsitive Squad CIC doesn't make any guarantees or take any responsibility for your dog's behaviour. You must cease training/ working and notify Pawsitive Squad if your dog starts showing signs of or shows increased signs of anxiety or any signs of aggression.
- You agree to provide daily enrichment, exercise and mental stimulation, suitable for your dog.
- You understand and agree to keep 3 monthly training records and to upload to these to the dropbox link provided by the stated deadlines.
- Qualified partnerships must create an annual report outlining their previous years work including any issues which occur and any areas requiring further work.
- If a dogs training or behaviour drops below the level expected from the previous level passed you understand we will lower your level (eg remove your bronze award or lower from silver to bronze) or return a qualified dog to 'in training' status if required.
- You understand that all dogs must be reassessed annually including in training.

### **Uniform and Presentation**

- Pawsitive Squad assistance dogs (including those in training) are only permitted to wear the following equipment:
  - Standard collar in a single colour, yellow and black or Pawsitive Squad branded collar hired directly from us.
  - Non aversive, standard, and low profile correctly fitted harness.



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- Standard leather or fabric lead up to 1.2m lead for working/ training in public spaces in a single colour, yellow and black or Pawsitive Squad branded lead hired directly from us.
- Lead for off duty time (with no branded equipment on and not in non-pet friendly environments), any colour or pawsitive squad branded hired directly from us.
- Pawsitive Squad branded jacket hired directly from us if your dog has passed their bronze award
- Long line (NOT extendable leads) up to 10 metres for off duty/ free time and when the handler has assessed this equipment to be safe in the environment and for their dog.
- Until a dog has passed their bronze award they're not permitted to wear any Pawsitive squad branded equipment OR equipment stating assistance/service dog in training.

You are not permitted to adapt (other than shorten the straps of your jacket in a temporary way) or add to your assistance dogs' uniform in any way, this includes, but is not limited to, not attaching any clips, keyrings, additional leads, handles, tuggies, sensory equipment, ID badge, poop bag or hand sanitiser holders to any part of your dog's uniform.

### **Record keeping**

As part of your commitment as an assistance dog in training partnership in training, you are required to keep the following regular records, on our template forms:

- 3 monthly training report (annually once fully trained)
- Health and welfare record

These must be submitted by set dates every 3 months, which are:

- ✓ Term 1 report (covering October, November, December) - Due by the 14th of January
- ✓ Term 2 report (covering January, February, March) - Due by the 14th of April.
- ✓ Term 3 report ( covering April, May and June) - Due by the 14th of July.
- ✓ Term 4 report (covering July, August and September) Due by the 14th of October.

You also need to submit a copy of your dog's veterinary report 6 monthly and vaccination record after each vaccine.

### **Withdrawal / retirement of assistance dogs or assistance dogs in training from Pawsitive Squad CIC**

- If you choose to leave Pawsitive Squad your assessment certificates cannot be used as evidence of training or the dog's standard.
- If you choose to leave the program, you agree to notify us in writing via email.
- Upon withdrawal/ retirement by either party, all equipment hired must be returned within 30 days by recorded post/ in person or we reserve the right to take legal action to recover our equipment. You agree to pay for any damages (outside of standard wear and tear) to any loaned equipment including paying to replace any equipment that is deemed unusable to be allocated to another dog.





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- We reserve the right to suspend or withdraw any assistance dog partnership from the program, from certification, from training or from work under our organisation or close the assistance dog program at any time.
- IF you decide to rehome your dog, you agree to notify Pawsitive Squad and to give us the opportunity to rehome your dog at no cost with 7 days to decide, prior to offering your dog to anyone else or elsewhere. The only exception to this is if the dog is being placed with your parents or returned to their breeder.

***Pawsitive Squad CIC reserve the right to amend, or change the stipulations contained in this agreement at any time. This Pawsitive Squad Client contract outlines the minimum expectations. We reserve the right to add additional requirements and expectations at any time.***

## **Declaration**

I/ we..... (the signatory/ signatories below) agree to meet all the requirements of the above agreement. I understand that I maintain sole responsibility for my dog. I understand that failing to meet all the requirements & timeframes outlined in this agreement will result in removal from the Pawsitive Squad Assistance Dog Program without warning or multiple chances except in exceptional circumstances.

### **Responsible handler and dog's legal owner**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Full name: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Additional responsible handler and dog's owner (if applicable)**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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Full name: \_\_\_\_\_