

Sidekick Service Dogs Training Program

Service Dog Program Intake Agreement

Organization Information

CanineSidekicks Service Dogs Inc.

Red Deer, Alberta

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Purpose

This agreement outlines participation expectations, program standards, and operational policies for individuals entering the CanineSidekicks Service Dog Training Program. Participation in the program requires adherence to training standards intended to support public safety, Service Dog welfare, ethical training practices, and responsible Service Dog representation.

Acknowledgement Instructions

Handlers are required to review each section of this agreement carefully. A check mark or initials placed beside individual statements indicates that the Handler has read, understood, and acknowledged the corresponding policy, expectation, or participation requirement. Final signature of this agreement confirms acknowledgment of the document in its entirety.

Program Participation Acknowledgement

Handlers acknowledge that participation in the CanineSidekicks Service Dog Training Program involves structured training, Evaluation, and behavioural development processes designed to assess Service Dog suitability and readiness over time.

Handlers understand and acknowledge that:

- ☐ participation in the program does not guarantee Service Dog Certification, Graduation, Public Access approval, or long-term Service Dog suitability
- ☐ training outcomes may vary based on the dog, handler participation, environmental factors, health considerations, behavioural development, and task reliability
- ☐ dogs are living animals whose behaviour and responses may change over time

- ☐ progression within the program is dependent upon demonstrated readiness, behavioural stability, welfare considerations, and successful completion of established program standards

Program Admission Requirements

Handlers acknowledge that dogs are admitted into the CanineSidekicks Service Dog Training Program only after demonstrating appropriate foundational suitability, including:

- ☐ behavioural stability
- ☐ environmental neutrality
- ☐ handler engagement
- ☐ impulse control
- ☐ appropriate social behaviour
- ☐ the ability to participate safely in structured training environments without on-going reliance on electronic collars, prong collars, or choke chains

Admission into the program remains subject to on-going behavioural suitability and welfare assessment throughout participation.

Equipment Policy Agreement

Handlers agree that once a dog enters the Service Dog Training Program and begins working in Service Dog identification equipment:

- ☐ electronic collars will not be used
- ☐ prong collars will not be used
- ☐ choke chains will not be used

Training Participation Responsibilities

Handlers agree to:

- ☐ attend scheduled training sessions whenever reasonably possible
- ☐ practice assigned training exercises between sessions

- ☐ maintain consistency in cue delivery and reinforcement practices
- ☐ reinforce appropriate behaviour and training expectations
- ☐ follow program progression recommendations and safety guidance

Handler Name:

Dog Name:

Phone Number:

Email Address:

Handler Signature:

Date:
