

PAALS WEEKEND FOSTER JOB DESCRIPTION

Title: Weekend Foster (best people we know!)
Manages: One lovable puppy/dog in training for service work
Salary: Unconditional canine love

Overview of Responsibilities and Duties: The PAALS weekend foster position is extremely important to the PAALS program and its success. As a puppy or dog weekend raiser, you establish the foundation of training and socialization critical to a service dog's future success as a lifelong partner to someone in need. During your time as a foster PAALS' will help you accomplish the following:

Primary Responsibilities:

- Socialization
- Acceptance of hands-on grooming
- Basic Obedience
- PR work in the community

Qualifications:

- Loving and safe home for minimum of 6 months (must be raised indoors)
- Have no more than 2 pet dogs who can be proven to be healthy and friendly (other pets are great for our PAALS dogs as well).
- Ability to attend weekly training session in downtown Columbia (right now scheduled on Fri's 4:30-6:00, but subject to change).
- Time to take puppy on daily walks and exercise in safe enclosed area off leash once a day.
- Ability to take puppy to public places for training at least once a month with PAALS trainer and other weekend fosters.
- Daily training of PAALS puppy at home according to PAALS protocols.
- Flexible schedule that allows someone in the family to be home during at least half the day so that the puppy is not left in crate for more than 4 hours at a time.
- Ability to drop puppy off at Paws Paradise on Sun between 5-5:30 or Monday morning anytime after 7:30am. This is located on the corner of Broad River and Piney Grove Rd. If you live on the northeast side of Columbia special arrangements may be made to drop off the puppy at the director's house.

Requirements:

- Before placement: home visit by PAALS, pets tested with PAALS dog(s), orientation with PAALS, and when schedule permits, be a "sitter" for a PAALS dog in training, fill out a PAALS application, and sign the foster agreement after attend a foster weekend training seminar.
- No previous training experience required
- **FLEXIBILITY: PAALS SWITCHES DOGS AND HOMES BASED ON NEEDS**
- Complete and submit weekly and monthly reports
- Assist with at least two PAALS related special events each year
- Take puppy/dog to vet as scheduled and during emergencies.
- Contact PAALS sitter when unavailable for a weekend.