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## APPLICATION FOR A PAALS FACILITY DOG

Application Fee- \$30.00

A Facility Dog is specially trained to help a professional at work who may specialize in special education, counseling, social work, physical therapy, occupational therapy, nursing, ministry, etc. These dogs can be used as innovative teaching tools, therapeutic catalysts to prompt disclosure, motivational rewards for achieving goals, and unconditional love to the sick and those in crisis.

Applying for a PAALS Assistance Dog is a multi-step process. The application must be completed and returned to PAALS. Upon receipt of this application and application fee, an interview will be scheduled. If you are not local to the Columbia, SC area then a separate home and work place visit will be scheduled after you travel to Columbia for the interview.

Those who are eligible to receive a Facility Dog must spend one to two weeks (decided on individual case basis due to different needs, schedules, and abilities) with PAALS in Columbia, SC, learning how to work as a team with their new dog. This requires a stay at a local hotel for those who are not already in the Midlands area.

The cost associated with training you and your Assistance Dog should not prohibit you from applying for a service dog. PAALS encourages everyone to participate in fundraising like they do in the Habitat for Humanities program. In other words, you are helping to “build” a dog for someone else while we help “build” a dog for you. It costs PAALS up to \$22,000.00 and two years to train and place an assistance dog with someone in need. You are not responsible for this amount. We ask that you pay or fundraise a tuition fee \$2500-\$5,000 for your one-two week team training class.

We look forward to getting to know you and how a facility dog may help you help others!

Yours In Service,  
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## Facility Dog Application

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

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Numbers:

Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Male:  Female:

Marital Satus: Single  Married:  Divorced:

What profession are you hoping to integrate an assistance dog into? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

What is your current place of employment and role there? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

How long have you been in your current position? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Have you received approval through your place of employment to use an assistance dog?  Yes  No

How long have you been in your current professional field? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_



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**What some of the disabilities and/or special needs that an assistance dog would need to be comfortable around? Please check all that apply:**

- Deafness
- Hearing Loss
- Memory Loss
- Vision Impairment
- Speech Impairment
- Coordination Problems
- Spasticity
- Muscular Weakness
- Reduced Stamina
- Limited Mobility
- Slowed Development

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

What specific things would you want a trained facility dog to do:

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### Living Arrangements

Do you live in the City, Suburbs or Rural Area? \_\_\_\_\_

Housing:  Home       Apartment       One level       Multi levels  
 Yard:  With fence       without fence

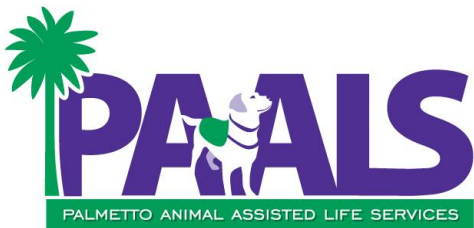
Do you:  Rent       Own

If renting, have you discussed having a dog living on the premises with your landlord?  
 Yes       No

Describe your neighborhood, i.e. busy roads, neighbors close by, dogs/cats running free etc. \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have many visitors?  Yes       No

How long does it take you to travel to work? \_\_\_\_\_



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Do you have any physical limitations(back injury) or psychiatric conditions that we should consider when choosing a dog for you?

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What types of transportation do you use? (Check all that apply)

Car       Bus       Van       Train       Plane

How many people live with you?

Name	Age	Relationship
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Please list any other information that may be of help to us I selecting the proper dog for you:

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### Your training with the dog

Are you able to take time off of work or from other obligations to attend a one – two week training session in Columbia, SC to learn how to work with your PAALS dog?

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Have you attended dog obedience class? \_\_\_\_\_ What level? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you smoke?     Yes       No



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### Dog Information:

A successful assistance dog applicant must be able to care for the daily need of his or her dog. Therefore we ask you to consider and answer the following: (please indicate if you are unable to do a certain task.)

Where will your dog be taken for toilet requirements? \_\_\_\_\_

When do you get out of bed in the morning? \_\_\_\_\_

What time do you retire for the evening? \_\_\_\_\_

Who will help with the dog's care if you are sick?

Helper's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Will the dog be exercised and have playtime?  Yes  No

Have you ever had a Pet dog before?  Yes  No

Do you or anyone in your household have a dog now?  Yes  No

If so, what is the Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_ Neutered:  Yes  No

List other pets: \_\_\_\_\_

What would you do if you lost your current job and took another job that did not support a facility dog?

\_\_\_\_\_

How many hours per day would the dog be alone? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you travel a lot? \_\_\_\_\_

When traveling, would you take the dog with you on trips?  Yes  No

Is there a particular type/breed dog that you do not like? \_\_\_\_\_

Are there any particular qualities in a dog that you prefer? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_



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Are there any particular qualities that you would not want in a dog? \_\_\_\_\_

When would you be able to start training with your assistance dog? \_\_\_\_\_

The reason I want a facility dog is: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Tell us more about yourself – hobbies, activities, clubs, interests, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

What questions or concerns do you have that we may address?

\_\_\_\_\_

Do you understand that if you are selected as a PAALS client a one to two week training session in Columbia will be required and a tuition fee that can either be paid or fundraised of \$2500.00 - \$5,000.00 will be required prior to team training?  Yes  No

Please return this application with the non-refundable deposit of \$30 **AND A LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION FROM A NON-FAMILY MEMBER IN SUPPORT OF YOUR ABILITY TO CARE FOR AN ASSISTANCE DOG AND NEED OF** to:

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