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APPLICATION FOR A PAALS SOCIAL DOG
Application Fee- \$30.00

A Social Dog is specially trained to help someone at home who either has physical challenges or may be considered special needs with a delay in learning and/or social skills. Like a service dog who usually assists someone in a wheelchair or a child with autism, these dog can pick up dropped articles, retrieve items off counter tops, and turn on and off light switches. They can also learn behaviors that assist children with autism, Down's syndrome, and other delayed functioning disabilities. The main difference between a service dog and a social dog is that social dogs are not granted public access rights under the ADA law.

Applying for a PAALS assistance dog is a multi-step process. The application must be completed and returned to PAALS along with our enclosed medical history form from your doctor. Upon receipt of these two forms, an interview will be scheduled. (Please note that an interview will not be scheduled if the medical history form from your doctor has not been received.) If you are not local to the Columbia, SC area then a separate home visit will be scheduled after you travel to Columbia for the interview.

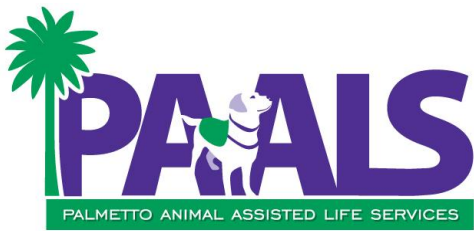
Those who are eligible to receive a social Dog must spend one to two weeks (decided on individual case basis due to different needs, schedules, and abilities) with PAALS in Columbia, SC, learning how to work as a team with their new dog. This requires a stay at a local hotel for those who are not already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

If the applicant is under thirteen years of age or cannot assume total responsibility for a Social Dog, a facilitator must accompany the applicant and become part of the Service Dog team. This is considered a skilled team social dog placement.

The cost associated with training your 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 social dog may help you!

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Skilled Home Companion Application

Date: _____

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Numbers:

Home: _____ Work: _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Male: Female:

Marital Status: Single Married: Divorced:

Where are you an employee/volunteer/Student? _____

Place of Business/School _____

Town _____ State _____

Days/hours employed weekly either as employee, student or volunteer _____

Work telephone number: _____

Length of present employment/volunteer role/grade if student? _____

Brief history of disability _____

If you have a spinal cord injury, please list the date of the accident and your spinal classification (C7, etc) _____



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Please describe your upper body strenght, ESPECIALLY the Arms (range of motion) and Hands (grip and dexterity) _____

Is one side stronger than the other (left or right)? _____

Do you bruise easily? _____ Could a dog put his front legs up on your lap without hurting you? _____

Do you have spasms in your arms or legs? _____

Is it difficult for you to function in hot weather _____ or cold weather? _____

Do you have other physical limitations such as signt or hearing loss that we should consider when choosing a dog for you (please note that service dogs do not perform any guiding of the blind)? _____

Please list the equipment you use for your disability _____

If you use both a manual and power wheelchair, please explain the situations in, which each one is used. _____

Do you self transfer? _____

Name of your physician _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____

Physician's telephone number _____



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Have you discussed this application with your doctor? _____

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? _____

Do you have any physical limitations such as back problems that we should consider
when choosing a dog for you? _____

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

Car Bus Van Train Plane



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How many people live with you?

Name	Age	Relationship

Do you employ a personal care attendant? _____

Do you use more than one PCA? _____

If so, what hours do they assist you? _____

What tasks do they do, or aid you to do? _____

Who will be your third party facilitator? _____

Are you or anyone you live with allergic to dogs? _____

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

Your training with the dog

Are you able to take time off of work or from other obligations (arrange for PCA to accompany you if you need) to attend a one – two week training session in Columbia, SC to learn how to work with your PAALS dog? _____

Have you attended dog obedience class? _____ What level? _____



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Is fatigue a daily factor in your life? _____

Do you need to have rest periods during the day? _____

Do you smoke? Yes No

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 or cannot get outside?

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

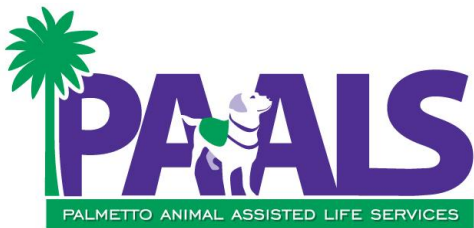
List other pets: _____

Would you take your dog to work or other places dogs normally don't go?

If not, where would the dog be? _____

How many hours per day would the dog be alone? _____

Do you travel a lot? _____



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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? _____

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 service 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 two week training session in Columbia will be required and a tuition fee that can either be paid or fundraised of \$2500.00 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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