

VOLUNTEER PUPPY RAISER APPLICATION FORM

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for considering making the commitment to raise a puppy for the Service Dogs Malta Foundation. Behind every service dog is a caring Puppy Raiser who gives their love, time, and resources so that persons with a disabling condition can know the freedom of independence.

Raising a puppy to become a potential service dog is a great responsibility. Puppy Raisers are selected on the basis of their lifestyle, availability, home environment and ability to socialise and teach the puppy basic obedience skills. Every effort is also made to match the dog's temperament with that of the Puppy Raiser's. Kindly fill out the following application form as accurately as possible to help us make the right potential match for you and for the puppies which will be given into your care.

Please send the completed form to:

Service Dogs Malta Foundation
c/o 50, Giuseppe Stivala Street
Naxxar. NXR 1994

Once your application form is assessed we will contact you for an interview and to schedule an in-home evaluation. We ask your permission to film this interview so we can get a sense of your family's living situation.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact our Operations Manager, Joseph Stafrace, on 7961 7814 or email address josephstafrace@servicedogsmalta.org or Robert Spiteri, our Head Dog Trainer, on 99442426 or robertspiteri@servicedogsmalta.org.

Thank you once again for your interest in our programme.

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Date: _____

How did you hear about Service Dogs Malta Foundation? _____

(Please use a separate sheet of paper if more space is needed to reply to any question).

1. Personal Information

Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Gender male female

I.D. No / Passport No _____

Address _____

Town _____ Post Code _____

Home Phone _____

Mobile No _____

Email Address _____

2. Household Information

Please describe your residence (i.e. apartment, maisonette, house, one level, two levels, stairs/no stairs, yard, garden , pool etc.)

Do you rent , own or live in a family-owned property?

If you do not own your home, are dogs allowed by the owner? Yes No

Describe your neighbourhood (ie. busy road, near a school, rural, close to neighbours, close to green area _____

Please list all people residing in your home:

Name	Relationship to you	Age
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_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
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Do you currently have pets? Yes No

If yes, please list each pet:

Species	Breed	Age	Spayed/Neutered	Lives inside/out
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Are any members of your household / frequent visitors allergic to or afraid of dogs?

Yes No

If yes, how do you plan to address this issue?

Do you often have guests in your home? Yes No

How frequently? _____

In the one-off event that you must leave the puppy alone for a long time, is there someone at home or able to come home to let them out for potty, food, water etc.? Yes No

Do you plan to travel in the coming 12- 18 months? If so, how frequently and for how long?

Do you smoke? Yes No

If you are assigned a puppy, would you accept to smoke only outdoors and not in the vicinity of the puppy? Yes No

3. Daily activity information

Your daily activity level is:

low moderate high

Please describe your lifestyle (Tick all that apply).

- Retired .
- Do not work.
- Have a 9-5 job.
(please specify job) _____
- Work from home.
- Work reduced hours.
(please specify hours) _____
- Work on shift basis.
(please specify shifts) _____
- Have more than one job.
(please specify jobs) _____

Work outside the home but can take dog to work.
(please specify job) _____

Work outside the home and cannot take dog to work.

Student.

Have an active family – busy with kids.

Other (please specify).

Describe your typical day (include morning routine, work, means of transport, evening routine etc.).

How many hours will the puppy be left alone on a daily basis?

0 – 2 hrs 2 – 4 hrs 4 – 6 hrs 6 – 8 hrs over 8 hrs

Will you be able to provide daily exercise for the puppy? Yes No

Will you be able to socialise the puppy by exposing it to different environments and experiences including children, other animals, shops, offices, busy town centres and different forms of transport ? Yes No

Will you be able to attend regular training sessions and meetings? Yes No

Will you be able to participate in fund raising and other events? Yes No

4. Puppy Raising Experience

Have you owned a dog before? Yes No

If yes, when and for how long? _____

Have you attended dog training sessions before? Yes No

(If yes, please specify where and what kind of training) _____

5. Availability

When can you accept a puppy?

- Immediately In 3 - 6 months' time In 6 – 12 months' time.

Is there anything else that you would like us to know?

I certify that all information provided in this application is current, correct and complete.

Applicant's signature _____

Date _____

Any information collected in this application will be used for application purposes only and will be treated in strict confidence. The information found above will not be distributed to any third parties.

The Service Dogs Malta Foundation reserves the right to turn down the application of any applicant who does not meet the criteria necessary for the placement of a puppy as part of the foundation's puppy raising programme.