



## Volunteer Application

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Alt. Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Other names: \_\_\_\_\_

Project PUP volunteers may visit only with the pets and handlers who have passed the screening program (friendly, clean, controllable, healthy and with current shot record, a veterinarian signed PUP Health Certificate on file, and dues paid annually). Pets and/or handlers who have not been screened may not visit.

I hereby accept full responsibility for my pet(s) and their actions while participating in the Project PUP program and agree to hold harmless anyone who is affiliated with the Project PUP program.

I understand that my PUP status is revoked if the PUP Health Certificate for my pet is not current, my annual renewal fees are not paid, have not passed a background check, and/or we violate any standards of conduct at a facility.

I hereby authorize Project PUP to conduct a security background check on me. I understand that this security check will cover information including but not limited to criminal history. I hereby release Project PUP and its Board of Directors and the company performing the check and its employees from all liability resulting from the provision of information to Project PUP.

I certify that the statements made by me on this form are true, complete, correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and are made in good faith. I understand that false statements made herein could void my consideration as a Project PUP volunteer.

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

Social Security #: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please note, if you have a current Concealed Weapons Permit or are currently a public employee, please bring your ID and you do not need to provide your SSN.*



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 Pets Uplifting People

## Screening & Health Certificate

Examination Date
Rabies Vaccination Date
Rabies Expiration Date
Health Certificate Expiration Date*

### Owner Information

Last Name	First	M.I.	Phone #
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Address	City	Zip	County
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Email Address			
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### Pet Information

<u>Pet Name</u>	<u>Breed</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Weight</u>	<u>Color</u>
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*This is to certify that the animal (s) described above were examined by me on the date indicated and found to be free from overt signs of infectious, contagious or communicable disease or known exposure thereto, and that vaccines for rabies for dogs and rabies for cats are current according to the manufacturer's recommendations and current medical practice.*

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DVM Signature	DVM FL License Number		
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Address	City	Zip	Phone #

\*Health Certificates expire one year from the date of examination or when the rabies vaccine expires, whichever is earlier.

*Project PUP Volunteer is responsible for submitting renewal annually and for retaining this form for recordkeeping.*

## **What is a Service Dog?**

A Service Dog is specially task-trained for a disabled persons' specific needs. There are many different types of service dogs, some of the most common include:

- Seeing Eye Dogs, Seizure Alert. Dogs, Diabetic Alert Dogs
- PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder Dogs) Mobility Assistance Dogs

Because a service dog is NOT A PET but in fact is considered medical equipment, service dogs are allowed public access; they can go anywhere that their handler goes. The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) defines service dogs and their access to public spaces.

A service dog is an animal that is trained to perform a task that mitigates its handler's disability. Many people ask if suffering from anxiety makes them qualified to have a service dog for emotional support. ESA (Emotional support Animals) are not Service dogs

**A therapy dog is someone's well-behaved pet.** Therapy Dogs are invited into facilities or events to provide companionship and joy to people other than their handler. Often, they go into nursing homes, hospitals, pediatric facilities and schools to provide therapy and education to the patients and students. Therapy dogs are welcome wherever they are. invited.

Unlike Service Dogs, it is important to note that a Therapy Dog has no rights to enter an animal restricted area (grocery store, public transportation, etc.), and are only allowed where they are invited to visit. Therapy Dogs are not protected by the Americans with Disabilities Act, or the Fair Housing Amendments Act of a 1988.

People's motivation for having their dog certified as a therapy dog should be to share their wonderful loving animal with others. People have their dogs certified as therapy dogs so they can do volunteer work in their community and give back to others.

How long does it take to train a dog to become a service or therapy dog? It normally takes 18-24 months to fully train a service dog and training usually begins before they are weaned. You can expect to invest both time and money in training your service animal with the assistance of our certified professional dog trainers.

It normally takes 5-6 weeks to train a therapy dog, and an additional 4-5 weeks to have your pet tested and its paperwork processed through a registered therapy dog organization. Your dog must already be at least one year old and have a suitable temperament (calm, friendly, free of aggression) for therapy work..

Is it legal for someone who does not have a disability to have a service dog in public? The short answer is no. it is illegal for someone to have a "fake" service dog. The Americans with Disabilities Act protects the rights of the individual with disabilities.

There are criminal penalties for falsely claiming a pet as a service animal. These penalties can range from a small fine to one over \$1,000 or a few days in jail up to a year in jail, depending on how the offense is committed and where. In some cases, the dog is confiscated, and the owner may have a lengthy court battle to get the dog back.

It's unethical, immoral, and lastly intuiting to those trainers and disabled handlers who work tirelessly to produce a real service dog.

Contrary to all the internet scams and popular belief there is no legitimate service dog certification or registration in the United States. This is why it is increasingly difficult to protect the interests of disabled handler and their legitimately task-trained service dogs. Certification is not required, yet is useful documentation for the dog's training. You don't need certification for public access, or housing, or lying, or anything else. All other certificates. registration and ID is fake. The intent is to fool the public into thinking the dog is official, when there is no documentation for service dogs. Most often, these products are used by fakers, so when you see them, it is a screaming red flag that the dog is not a legitimate service dog.