

Service Dogs of Virginia Released Dog Application

We appreciate your interest in Service Dogs of Virginia's (SDV) Released Dog program. The following application will allow us to better understand your home situation. Please answer all questions thoroughly, and contact us with any questions.

We will only place a released SDV dog in the state of Virginia. SDV does not release dogs very often, but we will contact you if we have a dog and your application indicates you to be a possible match. SDV does request a \$1000 placement fee for each released dog. Dogs are released because they are not suitable for service dog work. We fully disclose the reason each dog is released.

We endeavor to visit all homes so your chances of receiving one of our dogs is greater if you live in a 30-minute radius of Charlottesville.

About You

Name

Email

Street

City/State/Zip

Home Phone:

Cell Phone:

Work Phone:

Household

Is your yard fenced? _____

Please describe the type and size of fencing.

Please describe your home/property. Do you live in an apartment, single family home with yard, farm?
Are you in a neighborhood?

Please list the name, relation, and age of members of your household (include spouse/partner):

Do all members of your household want to adopt a dog? _____

If you have children living in your home, how do they feel about adopting a dog? How do they behave around dogs?

List below all animals that are part of your household (living indoors or out) and describe the temperament of each:

Why do you want to adopt a released dog from SDV?

Describe your daily schedule (i.e., time you get up, go to work/school, other activities, bedtime, etc.):

How many hours a day, on average, will the dog be left alone? _____
Where will he be left during that time?

If you work outside the home and the dog will be left alone for an extended period, are you willing and able to engage the services of a neighbor or dog sitter to take your dog out for a mid-day break?

Who will care for the dog when you are away from home?

How much exercise can you give the dog each day?

How will you provide this exercise?

Have you ever had a dog before? _____

Are you willing to provide the dog with regular vet care (yearly exams, heartworm and flea and tick preventative, etc.)? _____

Would you participate in any dog sports with your dog?

How much time do you and your family spend outdoors? In what ways?

Our dogs have health insurance with a monthly premium of about \$50/month. Are you able to maintain this insurance?

Are you aware that the average cost of caring for, feeding, and grooming a dog is about \$2000 a year?

- Dog food: approximately \$50/month or \$600/year; we will recommend suitable, premium dog food using human grade ingredients that provide optimal nutrition for a working dog.
- Monthly heartworm, tick and flea preventatives: \$400/year
- Regular vet care: approximately \$200/year for well dog maintenance. This will include a well dog check-up, annual heartworm check, immunizations as needed, and other routine care.
- Toys and treats: approximately \$150/year.
- Insurance –approximately \$55/month or \$660/year

With this in mind, can you afford to care for a dog?

SDV DOES NOT OFTEN RELEASE DOGS AND PLACES DOGS IN ONLY THE MOST SUITABLE HOMES. SDV REQUESTS A \$1000 PLACEMENT FEE FOR OUR RELEASED DOGS.

Questions? Call (434) 295-9503 or e-mail: peggylaw@servicedogsva.org