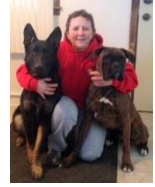


# PAWS 4 INDEPENDENCE



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## Foster Application

Paws 4 Independence is an organization that teaches people who are physically disabled or have mental health issues, how to train their dogs to become service dogs. Paws 4 Independence needs people to volunteer to help carry out this mission in many ways. One way to do this is becoming a *foster* for a puppy that will be trained to be a service animal in the Paws 4 Independence organization. While a dog is in a *foster* home the family begins the training right away with the potty training process, socialization and evaluation of the puppy to share with the Paws 4 Independence training team. The things you will be looking for are the puppy's personality, willingness to learn, and any potential problems or concerns you might see in the puppy. You will be responsible to train the puppy basic obedience and basic manners. The family will also be responsible for bringing the puppy to classes 1 time a week, our classes are held on Monday and Wednesday in La Crosse. You will also be responsible to maintain renters or homeowners insurance to cover any incidents that may occur while you are fostering the dog.

**All information on this application is voluntary, any information that we verify will be kept confidential and disseminated. All parties agree to keep the confidential information in strict confidence to include but not limited to; medical, financial and personal information.**

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

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home number: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell number: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

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

### **Your Family and Household Information**

Please list names and ages of any other adults in your household:

\_\_\_\_\_

Please list ages of any children who either live in your home or visit on a regular basis:

\_\_\_\_\_

Are you willing to supervise any child with your *foster* animal at all times?

Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_

Have all members of your family agreed to *fostering* dogs for Paws 4 Independence?

Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Your Interest in Paws 4 Independence**

Please tell us why you are interested in *fostering* for our organization:

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Have you ever *fostered* for any organization before or currently?

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**Your home**

Do you own or rent? \_\_\_\_\_

What type of home? \_\_\_\_\_

If you rent, do you have your landlord's permission to have a dog?

Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_

Landlord's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Landlord's phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a fenced yard? Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_

If No fence, how do you let your dog eliminate?

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**Veterinary care**

Who is your current veterinarian? \_\_\_\_\_

Clinic name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you been using this veterinarian? \_\_\_\_\_

### **Current household pets**

Please list the type of animals in your home with their age and gender.

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Are any spayed or neutered?

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Are they up to date on all vaccinations?

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*\*Please be able to provide vet records\**

### **About you**

How long are your animals left alone during the day? \_\_\_\_\_

Will you use a crate when dog is not supervised? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have experience with crate training? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a crate available for your *foster* dog? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever taken an obedience class with a dog? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, what experience do you have with obedience training? \_\_\_\_\_

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If your *foster* puppy is being possessive with food, not potty training well, digging, jumping, chewing, growling etc. What corrective actions would you take?

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If a fight would occur with your *foster* dog and another dog, how would you handle the situation? What actions would you take to avoid this?

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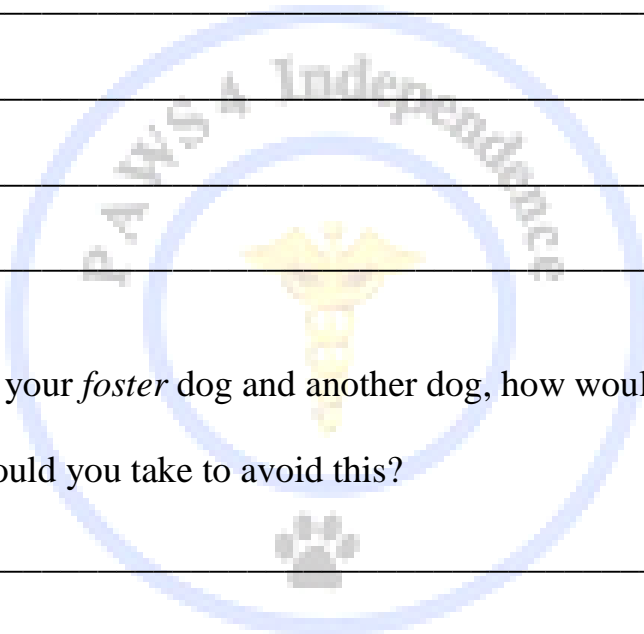
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I hereby swear and affirm that the above statements are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Please note:** The submission of this application does not guarantee a placement of a *foster* dog.

In the event that the dog you are fostering is unable to be 'service dog' material you as the foster home would have 1<sup>st</sup> chance in adoption.

