



NEW HOPE ASSISTANCE DOGS, INC.

A non-profit organization providing specially trained Service Dogs for individuals with mental, psychological and physical disabilities. We help you gain a greater independence on life!

Thank you for your inquiry to our organization New Hope Assistance Dogs, Inc. We can help you gain greater independence, with a highly customized, trained Service Dog. This dog can help you with mental and psychiatric impairment, mobility impairment, seizures, PTSD, Autism and a wide variety of other disabilities. We currently do not provide Guide Dogs (dogs trained for the blind).

GLOSSARY OF TERMS FOR TYPES OF DOGS

*Assistance Dog ~ A generic term for Guide, Hearing, or Service Dog specifically trained to do more than one task to mitigate an individual's disabilities. The presence of a dog for protection or personal defense, does not qualify that dog as an Assistance Dog.

*Companion Dog ~ A dog that provides companionship to an individual this can be a child or adult, with or without disabilities. This dog is not able to have public access.

*Skilled Companion Dog ~ A Skilled Companion Dog is a Service Dog trained to work or perform tasks with an adult or child with a disability. This dog is not able to have public access.

*Hearing Dog ~ A dog that alerts individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing to specific sounds. The presence of a dog for protection, personal defense, or comfort does not qualify that dog as an assistance dog.

*Seizure Response Dog ~ A dog that is trained to provide comfort and/or a sense of safety to a person who is experiencing or has just experienced a seizure. This is a type of Service Dog.

*Service Dog ~ A dog that works for individuals with disabilities other than blindness or deafness. They are trained to perform a wide range of tasks that will mitigate a variety of disabilities. These dogs are trained to do at least three tasks to mitigate their partners' disabilities. The presence of a dog for protection, personal defense, or comfort does not qualify that dog as an Assistance Dog.

*Therapy/Facility Dog ~ A specially trained dog that is working with a volunteer or professional who is trained by a program. The work of this type of dog can include visitations or professional therapy in one or more locations, such as hospital, nursing home or rehabilitation facility. Public access is permitted only when the dog and handler, who is a trained volunteer or professional, is directly working with a client with a disability.

To apply for a Service Dog from New Hope Assistance Dogs, Inc. the following is required:

1. Complete the 7 page Client Application – Please fill in as thoroughly as possible, this helps us to match the most appropriate dog with your situation. If you need more room for any questions please use the page for additional notes (page 5), if that is still not enough, please use an additional sheet.
2. Consent to Contract Form (page 6) – Please fill in, sign and date.
3. Applicant Signature, Background & Verification Authorizations (page 7) – please sign & return to us.

4. Two (2) personal references names and addresses for New Hope Assistance Dogs to send a reference form to. These personal references should be a minister, teacher, co-worker, etc. They should not be from immediate family members.
5. Please enclose a recent photo of the applicant.

Please complete all the above items and mail to the address below with a \$25.00 non-refundable application fee. The application fee will be deducted from the total cost of your Service Dog.

NEW HOPE ASSISTANCE DOGS, INC.
ATTN: APPLICANT REVIEW – TAMMY ROGERS
3 SCOTT RUN RD
WARREN, PA. 16365

Once we receive your application our President will screen your packet and meet with our skilled team of trainers and board members. We will put together a plan of action that will provide you with information on what type of training that will be required for your Service Dog. This process can take up to a month to complete. Some applicants that have more extensive needs may require a little more time to process.

Our waiting list is not time based but rather a match of the Service Dog skills to match the individual's needs and lifestyle of the recipient. This match is a critical factor in determining who will receive which Service Dog. Once we determine that the dog we have selected is going to be the best match for you. We will give you an estimated time frame on when we expect to have that Service Dog available for you. Once the dog is nearing completion of training we will contact you to arrange a training schedule. We will schedule you to come to our facility in which you will learn how to handle and work with your Service Dog partner.

New Hope Assistance Dogs, Inc. will provide you with a list of local hotels and provide information on hotels that may offer discounts, or any hotel that we may have discounted space with at that time.

New Hope Assistance Dogs, Inc. will assist you in providing businesses that offer fundraising events. We cannot guarantee that all chain businesses offer all of the same fundraising opportunities. Please be advised that there are generally local organizations and businesses that offer fundraising opportunities in your area. Most of the time we are not aware of these opportunities, so you should check your local area for information on the availability of these. We will also help to guide you to the grants that may be available for your disability or needs. You can also go online and search for grants and find others that may be available. You will need to fill out grant applications, we will assist you and help to answer those questions you are struggling with. We will also provide you proper documentation when needed. These are just a few of the ways in which you can help to get funding for your Service Dog. Most clients reach out to local churches, organizations and the community they are members of in order to obtain additional help in setting up fundraisers, benefit dinners, auctions etc. You will be required to attend your fundraising functions or make arrangements for someone to be there for you. You will need to make the proper calls and arrangements to set up fundraising events.

Finally, we would like to thank you for your interest in our non-profit organization. We look forward to working with you and your family on the placement of a Service Dog. If you have any additional questions before, after or while filling out this application, please feel free to contact us.

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