



Application for a Companion Dog

Mobility Assistance Dogs Trust

INTRODUCTION

Thank you for your enquiry to Mobility Assistance Dogs Trust.

Mobility Assistance Dogs Trust (Mobility Dogs) is a Charitable Trust established in 2003. Our Mission is to enhance the lives of people living with long-term disabilities, increasing independence, confidence, self-esteem, and participation in New Zealand communities.

We achieve this through the following programmes; Service Dog, Companion Dog and Community Dog placements.

THE COMPANION DOG PROGRAMME

- Companion Dogs are placed with people where who have an ongoing health condition and would benefit from the love and companionship of a dog.
- We recognise that Companion Dogs may provide an holistic benefit to the family wider family unit.
- The placement cost for a Companion Dog is **\$5,000**. However there will be incurred costs associated with placements outside of Auckland and Hamilton
- Regardless of the outcome of the placement travel and associated costs will still be charged.

THE PRE-APPLICATION PROCESS

Please note that filling out this form does not guarantee you will be suitable to receive a Companion Dog. Applications for Companion Dogs will be accepted regardless of race, sex, religious preference or sexual orientation.

The process for receiving a Companion Dog is divided into three separate stages as outlined below. Each stage is reviewed by the Mobility Dogs team, and you may be asked to continue to the second and finally the third stage, or you may be advised that your application is not proceeding to the next stage.

We understand that this can be a lengthy process for you, however we aim to ensure that if successful you receive a Companion Dog that is appropriate for your specific situation.

TIMEFRAMES

Due to the demand for our dogs we have an extensive waiting-list, therefore we are unable to provide set timeframes for completion of the application process.

We undertake to:

- Keep applicants informed throughout the application process.
- Respond to any enquiries promptly.
- Provide details of the next steps to each applicant as applicable.

APPLICATION STAGES

STAGE 1:

- Please complete the application with as much detail as possible and submit the form.
- You may be contacted with further questions about your application.
- Or, if you have any queries about the application form please contact the applicant coordinator directly.

STAGE 2:

- Upon progressing to Stage 2, you will be required to have a home visit to assess your property and your home environment.
- At the home visit we ask that the whole family attend the meeting. A support person or extended family members who will be directly involved in the care of the dog may also be present.
- Having a Companion Dog in your life can be very rewarding. However, the dogs require a great deal of time, care and attention. Sometimes living with a health condition means caring for a dog can be challenging. It is during this meeting that we can discuss how this will be managed by you or your

support people.

- Your application will be reviewed by the team and we will be in touch to advise if you have moved to stage 3.

STAGE 3:

Once a suitable dog has been identified we will contact with you to arrange a date to introduce the dog. (***all family members living at the address to be present***). If a match is made at this time the time commitments required for a trial placement are:

- Day 1: (Wednesday) - Canine team to go over the client manual and trial placement agreement with the family. (no dog will be present).
- Day 2 : (Thursday AM or PM) - Canine team and dog will train with the family.
- Day 3 : (Friday AM or PM) - Canine team and dog will train with the family and the dog will be left over the weekend.
- Day 4: (Monday AM or PM) Canine team to return to discuss any issues or concerns, and then if all parties are in agreement will leave the dog on a trial placement for one month.
- The trainer will be available to answer any questions or concerns that may arise for the first 7 days of the one month trial.
- If at the end of the month the placement is not successful you will be required to organise for the dog to be returned to Mobility Dogs at your own expense.

If you are successful in your application Mobility Dogs requires confirmation that you agree to the terms and conditions below:

Mobility Assistance Dogs Trust terms and conditions: *

I understand that the ownership of the dog will be transferred to the key contact. All care, food, veterinary needs and Pet Insurance for the dog are to be met by the client.

I confirm that where I live there is adequate outside space with a grassed area, shelter and shade for a dog.

I understand that the placement cost for a Companion Dog is \$5000 if I live in Auckland, Hamilton or Queenstown but other associated costs for training/travel will apply if I live in a different geographic location.

I understand that a Companion Dog does not have public access and will be non-jacketed.

I understand that if at the end of the 1-Month trial placement we wish to return the dog that all related costs will be paid by me.

If you are unable to meet any of the above requirements please contact the Client Coordinator - clients@mobilitydogs.co.nz to discuss further.

I confirm I have read and understood the above. *

First Name

Last Name

Placement Type *

Companion Dog

Personal Information

Preferred Title

Mail

Primary contact person for application - if different to above (Name and contact details)

First Name Last Name

Emergency contact person's name *

First Name Last Name

Emergency contact person's Address *

Street Address

Street Address Line 2

City State / Province

Postal / Zip Code

Emergency contact person's cell phone number *

Area Code Phone Number

Emergency contact person's email *

example@example.com

What is your ethnicity? *

- Maori
- Pacific Islander
- Asia
- Middle Eastern/Latin American/African
- European New Zealander
- Other

Health Related Information

Please provide as much detail as possible.

Describe any ongoing health related circumstances: *

Lifestyle

Describe your own or family situation and the reason for applying for a Companion Dog *

Home Environment

List names, ages and relationship to you of others in your household. *

Please indicate where you live: *

House

Apartment

Townhouse

Other

Is the property fully fenced? *

Yes

No

Your Experience With Dogs

Please describe any prior experience you have had with dogs *

Please list any other pets in your household. *

The Companion Dog

Care and maintenance of a Companion Dog (Please tick the boxes that best suit your situation)

Me Family Member/Friend

Paid attendant

The dog will be fed by

The dog will be groomed by

The dog will be exercised by

The dog waste will be picked up by

Pre-Application Agreement

In order for your application to be valid please read and confirm your understanding of the below by checking the boxes, and filling in your name and today's date. *

I understand all the information in the Companion Dog application form, including that there are a number of components and criteria that have to be met before my application can progress further.

Please fill in your name and today's date to confirm you have read and understood the above. *

First Name

Last Name

Date *

Day Month Year

Tags

Todo

In Progress

Done