



Service Dog Application

STEP 1: The Process

Thank you for your interest in Merlin's KIDS service dogs. Please fill out the attached application and email it back to the email address listed. Once a representative from Merlin's KIDS reviews your application, we will call or email you, usually within one week of receiving the application. Please answer the questions as accurately as possible so we can best match a dog to your needs.

If it is decided that a service dog would be beneficial to you and/or your family, we will arrange for a visit to your home from our founder, Janice Wolfe. She will bring her gentle dog, Wyatt, with her and use him to help evaluate what temperament the service dog should have for your individual needs.

STEP 2: Our Service Dogs

Our service dogs are rescued from shelters, breeders, and rescue organizations. Each dog is first placed in a foster home for 3 to 6 months to undergo in-depth evaluation and training. Then, our team, headed by our Director of Canine Rehabilitation and Certification, will further assess and train the dog to our initial standards. Dogs that pass our rigid requirements are then trained to the specific needs of the child and family, and are ready to be placed in homes. We will then arrange to bring the dog to your home, introduce him to your child and teach you how to work with the dog. We will also modify training as new challenges or circumstances occur. Because we have dogs in various stages of evaluation and training, your wait period for your dog is usually 3 to 6 months. There is no charge for any of these services.

STEP 3: Your New Service Dog

Merlin's KIDS will provide you with a list of recommended food, treats, vitamins, and other necessities for your dog. Maintaining your dog, including walks, nutrition, and veterinary visits are your responsibility once the dog is placed in your home. We have guaranteed that all our rescue group dogs are placed into good homes where they are given good quality food, vitamins, and regular veterinary care. We will also provide contact numbers should you need additional information or have any questions regarding your service dog.

Donations

Donations of any denomination are always welcome. However, a donation does not guarantee you an animal nor does it put you "higher on the list." **ALL OUR SERVICE DOGS ARE PLACED FREE OF CHARGE.** Our goal is to provide an appropriate service animal to everyone regardless of the magnitude (great or small) of a child's disability. Merlin's KIDS is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization. Your donation is tax-deductible.

Our dogs are trained using the dog whispering techniques of America's Canine Experts Mark German and Janice Wolfe. We recommend you read their book, *There's Hope*, to help prepare you to follow their techniques. Copies are available for a donation of \$25 to: Merlin's KIDS, P.O. Box 21, Midland Park, NJ 07432

PLEASE NOTE: If you have recently mailed us an application, and have not yet received a response, please re-send your application to the new address on the last page. Please email ServiceDogApplications@MerlinsKIDS.org if you have any questions about your application.

~ THANKYOU! ~

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Name of contact person(s) _____

Address _____

City/Town _____

State _____

Zip _____

Home phone _____

Work phone _____

Cell phone _____

Email address _____

Best time and method to contact you: _____

How late and early can we call without waking you up? _____

Name and date of birth of person needing a service dog _____

Names and dates of birth of other people living in home _____

Any other pets? YES NO If so, please specify. _____

Have you had any pets in the past? YES NO If so, please specify. _____

Description of challenges and strengths of person(s) needing service dog (use back if needed) _____

Description of challenges and strengths of other people at home or involved in care of person needing a service dog. _____

Please describe the home(s) in which the service dog will be living _____

How did you hear about us? _____



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Comments

* Your email will be used solely for correspondence from Merlin's KIDS and will never be sold, rented, or lent.

Merlin's KIDS is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit charitable organization. Your donation is tax deductible.

THANK YOU

for completing the Merlin's KIDS application.

Please mail the completed application to:

Merlin's KIDS, Inc.

P.O. Box 21
Midland Park, NJ 07432



For a copy of "There's Hope," please mail a check in the amount of \$25. to Merlin's KIDS at the above above. Please be sure to include your shipping address.

We will send you the book and a donation receipt for your tax records within 10 business days.

Thank you!

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