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Initial Service Dog
Application



Here at the Freedom K9 Project we provide freedom and a quality of life for survivors that have been subjected to the trauma of sexual slavery and domestic violence through service dogs trained to the highest caliber. Striving to raise awareness in the community of PTSD and its many forms, especially those forms which are inflicted through violence against women.

Personal Information

The following questions are designed to help us select and train the right dog to match your temperament and emotional way of being. Please answer the questions and use the space provided to add any information that may be relevant to the question.

Full Name: _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

City, State: _____ Zip Code: _____

What gender do you identify as?

Female ☐

Male ☐

Other ☐ _____

Have you been formally diagnosed with PTSD?

Yes ☐

No ☐

If yes, approximately how long ago were you diagnosed? _____

Regardless of formal diagnoses, how long have you been struggling with the symptoms of PTSD? _____

What symptoms would you say you struggle with most? Please list by order of severity:

If you feel like you need to explain any of this, please add an explanation here:

Personal Information Continued

How long did the abuse that lead to PTSD last for you? (This is not a method of determining how "serious" your trauma is. This information only helps us know what we may need to know to train the right dog for you)

What type of residence is your home?

House / Apartment / Dorm / Condo / Mobile Home / Other _____

How long have you lived there? _____

Do you currently have any pets? If so please list them:

If you do have pets, please give us the vet's information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

If you do have pets and don't have a vet, please explain why here:

Personal Information Continued

Have you ever been diagnosed with anything other than PTSD?

If so, do you agree with diagnoses? Why or why not?

What methods do you currently use to cope with your trauma?

What treatment methods have you tried? How do you feel about their outcomes?

Personal Information Continued

Do you have any criminal charges?

Yes ☐

No ☐

If yes, please explain:

Do you have a strong support system?

Yes ☐

No ☐

Please explain:

Are you able to react calmly in a crisis?

Yes ☐

No ☐

Please explain:

Personal Information Continued

Are you able to feel and express fear?

Yes ☐

No ☐

Please explain:

Are you able to feel and express sorrow?

Yes ☐

No ☐

Please explain:

Are you able to feel and express love?

Yes ☐

No ☐

Please explain:

Personal Information Continued

Are you able to feel and express anger?

Yes ☐

No ☐

Please explain:

Are you able to feel and express joy?

Yes ☐

No ☐

Please explain:

When challenged, are you able to stand your ground?

Yes ☐

No ☐

Please explain:

Personal Information Continued

Are you able to feel and express anger?

Yes ☐

No ☐

Please explain:

Are you able to feel and express joy?

Yes ☐

No ☐

Please explain:

Are you willing to learn new concepts, even if they are contrary to your current beliefs?

Yes ☐

No ☐

Please explain:

Personal Information Continued

Would you say you assume responsibility for your behavior most of the time?

Yes ☐

No ☐

Please explain:

Are you able to control your emotions?

Yes ☐

No ☐

Please explain:

Can you recognize when you're beginning to feel overwhelmed and take positive steps to gain control?

Yes ☐

No ☐

Please explain:

Personal Information Continued

Are you an emotionally sensitive person?

Yes ☐

No ☐

Please explain:

Are you able to laugh at yourself?

Yes ☐

No ☐

Please explain:

Can you recognize when you're beginning to feel overwhelmed and take positive steps to gain control?

Yes ☐

No ☐

Please explain:

Personal Information Continued

How do you feel about the use of a service dog publicly identifying you as a person with a disability?

Please explain:

What benefits to anticipate from receiving a service dog?

Please explain:

How would you define your need for a service dog?

Please explain:

How committed are you to change your life and fully participate in what The Freedom K9 Project has to offer you?

Please explain:

Personal Information Continued

Are you able to provide proper nutrition, cleanliness, warmth, grooming, bathing and exercise as well as ensure timely and proper veterinary care for the dog?

Yes ☐

No ☐

Please explain:

Do you have the financial means to travel to Indianapolis, Indiana if a face-to-face interview if necessary in the selection process?

Yes ☐

No ☐

Please explain:

What triggers do you have the most difficulty with?

Personal Narrative

This is the part of the application that you can say what ever you want to say about your trauma. Remember that this information will never be shared outside of our organization without your permission. We understand that the complexities of trauma can't be contained to a page, and you are welcome to write as much or as little as you would like us to know. Our training process is very personalized, and we train each dog specific to one survivor. For that reason we ask for your narrative so that we would be able to train the best do for you and your situation. (If you want to add more on a Word Doc you are welcome to do so).

What type of situations lead you to have PTSD?:

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Family Questionnaire

This portion of the application is to be filled out by a close friend or family member of the applicant. This should be someone that the Freedom K9 Project can contact for further, clarifying information. We want to get the best, most well rounded picture of the individual applying.

Name: _____

Relationship to Applicant: _____

Phone#: _____

Email: _____

Applicant's Name: _____

How often would you say you see the applicant? _____

Do you feel the applicant acts in ways that are beyond his/her control?

Yes ☐

No ☐

Please explain: _____

Would you say the applicant can learn new skills and follow direction easily most of the time?

Yes ☐

No ☐

Please explain: _____

Family Questionnaire Continued

How affected is the applicant's life from drug or alcohol use?

Please explain: _____

How does the applicant form judgments and plans of action?

Please explain: _____

Does the applicant exhibit an awareness of their understanding?

Yes ☐

No ☐

Please explain: _____

Is the applicant oriented to time and space?

Yes ☐

No ☐

Please explain: _____

Family Questionnaire Continued

How would you describe the applicant's healing process thus far?

Please explain: _____

How would you describe the applicant's ways of coping with PTSD?

Please explain: _____

Is the applicant generally a closed minded person?

Yes ☐

No ☐

Please explain: _____

Does the applicant get discouraged quickly?

Yes ☐

No ☐

Please explain: _____

Support System References

Please list a few people you have in your support system that see you on a regular basis. There's no need to fill all the slots, just make sure these are people that you trust that you're comfortable with the Freedom K9 Project contacting.

Name: _____

Relation: _____

Phone#: _____

Email: _____

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Name: _____

Relation: _____

Phone#: _____

Email: _____

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Release of Information

This is a form the applicant signs that allows the Freedom K9 Project to contact a therapist, counselor, coach, or someone similar in the applicant's life. Nothing in the application will be shared with said professional. If there is a service dog that the Freedom K9 Project thinks would be a good fit for the applicant, we like to work with said professional to tailor the trained behaviors of the dog to the applicant. The applicant is in full control of this process, and they are welcome to the information shared between the professional and the Freedom K9 Project.

Professional Title: _____

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone#: _____

How long has the applicant been working with this person? _____

I, _____, give the Freedom K9 Project permission to contact the professional listed above for information pertinent to the training of my potential service dog. The listed professional is permitted to share said information with the Freedom K9 Project.

I agree: ☐

I disagree: ☐

If the applicant disagrees, please explain here: _____

Applicant's Signature: _____

Listed Professional's Signature: _____

Date: __/__/____