

Colorado Service Dogs, Inc. Partner to Pet Program

Because of the variety of Service Dog we provide a very special combination of health, skill and behavioral soundness is required. Our standards are very high, and not all dogs are cut out for it. Some of our dogs go on to have careers as therapy dogs, or special community canines that assist people in various ways. Those that do not quite qualify as Service Dogs enter into our “Partner to Pet Program”. In some cases, dogs are adopted by their puppy raisers or volunteers within the organization. Others may go on to agility, search and rescue, detection or just be a family dog.

The dogs released from our program to become pets or companions are placed in adoptive homes through our program. Most of the dogs are between one and two years old, and can be any breed: Labrador or Golden Retrievers, Poodles, or cross breeds.

The reasons the dogs are dropped from our programs are generally two-fold:

- Medical reasons (40%): anything from allergies to cataracts to varying severities of dysplasia (hip and elbow).
- Behavioral reasons (60%): high activity level, incompatibility with cats or other dogs, assertiveness requiring strong handler leadership. Some of these dogs may not be suitable for homes with young children or other pets.

Our selection process is based on suitability rather than on a first-come, first-served basis. Dogs are matched in consideration of the needs of both the dog and the potential adopting home. Obedience and agility competitor's search and rescue trainers, tracking enthusiasts and others in dog-related fields are encouraged to apply!

None of these dogs may be used as working Service Dogs for the disabled in any capacity.

Application

Primary Applicant Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____

Work/Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Do you live in Colorado? _____

Do you rent or own? _____

if you rent, are dogs permitted? _____

If you rent, name & phone of landlord: _____

Number of people in your household:

Adults: _____

Children: _____ Ages: _____ // _____ // _____ // _____

Occupation: _____

Work Schedule: _____

Where will the dog spend most of its time during the day? (Check all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Loose Indoors | <input type="checkbox"/> Crated Indoors | <input type="checkbox"/> Confined Room Indoors | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Garage | <input type="checkbox"/> Tied Outdoors | <input type="checkbox"/> Basement | <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor Kennel |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Loose in Unfenced Yard | <input type="checkbox"/> Loose in Fenced Yard | <input type="checkbox"/> Other | |

Where will the dog spend nights? (Check all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Loose Indoors | <input type="checkbox"/> Crated Indoors | <input type="checkbox"/> Confined Room Indoors | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Garage | <input type="checkbox"/> Tied Outdoors | <input type="checkbox"/> Basement | <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor Kennel |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Loose in Unfenced Yard | <input type="checkbox"/> Loose in Fenced Yard | <input type="checkbox"/> Other | |

Where will the dog be kept during vacations? _____

Current Pets

Type _____ Age _____ Spayed/Neutered? _____

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Do your neighbors have any animals that you would like to consider in this adoption process that may wander into the yard?

if you have had dogs previously, at what age and under what circumstances did they pass away?

Annual expenses for vet care, food, training; toys, etc. will run a minimum of \$500 - \$1,000.

Are you prepared to meet these needs? Yes _____ No _____

Are you willing and able to bring the animal to the vet for routine care? Yes _____ No _____

Please provide your veterinarians contact info so we may contact them.

Some things to keep in mind as you pursue adoption of a release dog:

- Labs and Golden’s SHED – a lot! They need regular grooming including toenail clipping, teeth brushing, and ear cleaning.
- All dogs should get yearly DHLPP/Bordatella booster vaccinations and they must have their annual heartworm tests . They also need a rabies shot every year (some vets recommend a three year rabies vaccine).
- All dogs need daily exercise and mental stimulation – this is especially true with release dogs. These dogs have had a great deal of training, exercise and human interaction. A dog that is exercised and has a “job” (i.e. fetching, learning new behaviors) will be a better-behaved, happier dog.

Your signature below indicates that you give CSD permission to contact your veterinarian and landlord (if needed).

Signature

Date

ADOPTION AGREEMENT & RELEASE STATEMENT

Made this day of _____ 2011 between Colorado Service Dogs and

Name

Address

City

State

Zip

Phone(s)

Email

PREAMBLE: I/we, the above named person and/or persons, hereinafter referred to as “adopter”, agree to adopt this dog, a (breed) _____ known as _____ and hereinafter referred to as “dog”, I/we release Colorado Service Dogs, Inc. (CSD) and its individual members, board members, and volunteers, jointly and severally, from all claims for personal injury and/or property damage to myself or others associated with this adoption. The adopter hereby declares that no representations about the nature of the adopted dog or any representations regarding the nature and extent of legal liability or of responsibility have induced the adopter to sign this contract. In consideration of an adoption fee in the amount of \$ _____, the adopter acknowledges and further agrees to these provisions. **(Note: Any amount given beyond this adoption fee is a tax deductible donation as Colorado Service Dogs, Inc. is a 501c3 non-profit organization. We will provide you a donation receipt for tax purposes.)**

HOME CARE: The welfare of this dog is the sole responsibility of the adopter and adopter agrees to give the dog good care which includes quality dry dog food, fresh water, sanitation and grooming, clean indoor housing, safety, and love.

HOUSING-TRANSPORT: Adopter will keep this dog as a house pet and family member only. This dog is not permitted to live in a garage, doghouse, or any other unheated outbuilding. It will be kept indoors after 11 pm and in extreme weather conditions (over 90 or under 40 degrees). When outside, Adopter will keep this dog on a leash while walking or in a fenced yard. The dog will not be chained, leashed or tied up outside and left alone. The dog will not be permitted to run loose outside a fenced yard. It will never wear a shock collar or be left in an area with an electric fence. Crating can be used when adopter is not home but for a limited time based on the dog’s ability to hold waste. For a full work day, it is preferred that the dog be kept in a room with a hard surface floor, such as a kitchen, with a bed, toys and water. The dog will not be permitted to ride in the back of a pick-up truck or left in a vehicle in extreme heat or unattended.

VETERINARY CARE: After adoption, this dog's health is adopter’s full responsibility. Adopter agrees to take the dog to a vet within one week to verify its health status and to purchase heartworm preventative and flea/tic preventative. The dog will receive proper care by a licensed veterinarian throughout its entire life, including an annual exam, all rabies and dhlpv shots, heartworm tests and monthly heartworm preventative and stool tests, periodic teeth cleaning, and all inoculations and medical attention in accordance with veterinary recommendations for the life of the dog. Adopter will arrange for immediate veterinary care in the event of illness or injury. Adopter will notify Colorado Service Dogs, Inc. of the name and telephone number of vet so that Colorado Service Dogs, Inc. can verify the care being given.

COLLAR-LICENSING-TAGS: Adopter will legally license this dog within a reasonable amount of time after the adoption. Adopter agrees this dog will not wear a pinch, cleat, or any similar article around the neck for the purpose of training, correcting or any other use. Adopter will keep the dog clearly identified upon adoption and at all times with a soft cloth or leather collar holding rabies tag, license, and identification tag with the owner's name, address and phone number and to be worn 24/7.

CONDUCT & HEALTH OF DOG: Adopter understands that no one can predict how a dog will react in a new situation. Therefore, adopter will exercise prudence and caution in introducing this dog into the new situation until the dog has become fully adjusted to its new environment and adopter has had an opportunity to become familiar with this dog's unique personality. Adopter assumes full responsibility for the conduct of this dog and for any damage to persons or property. CSD makes no explicit or implicit guarantees in reference to the health and/or temperament of the dog. The dog is adopted "as is" and the adopter assumes all responsibility for treatment of any and all existing conditions or any other physical, medical or temperament changes that may occur in the future.

OTHER USES: This dog will not be used for service for the disabled, rituals, racing, fighting, and medical or experimentation purposes. It will be nothing other than a house pet and family member.

TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP: The ownership and responsibility for this dog belongs solely to adopter. However if adopter can no longer keep this dog or provide it with good care, including food, shelter or veterinary care, adopter will contact CSD and give the organization the opportunity to re-home the dog. The dog shall not be sold, given to, or adopted to anyone else, nor there be any transfer of ownership to any firm, corporation, or organization of other homeless animals, such as another rescue facility, or research facility. Adopter will give CSD sufficient time to arrange for a suitable home for the dog. Adopter will inform CSD if the dog has any behavioral or medical conditions which make re-homing inadvisable. If adopter has to return the dog to CSD, return transportation is adopter's responsibility.

FURTHER CONTACT: Adopter understands that CSD may contact him/her for further verification of this dog's welfare. Adopter will cooperate by providing whatever information is requested and adopter will permit CSD to visit the home or contact the vet if so requested. Adopter will keep CSD informed of any changes of address, email address or telephone number so that adopter can be contacted for the life of the dog. If the dog becomes lost, adopter will notify CSD immediately.

REPOSSESSION: Adopter understands that in the event he/she does not follow the terms of this Agreement or adopter neglects or abuses the dog, CSD or another animal authority has the right to take possession of the pet. The adopter agrees to pay CSD any and all expenses, including court costs and reasonable attorney's fees, in enforcing the terms and provision of this contract.

CSD has provided the best information it can about the dog, and adopter accept responsibility for the dog based on the information, if any, available and provided at the time of this Agreement. Adopter does not hold CSD responsible for errors in the information provided about this dog. The Release Statement below releases CSD from any and all liabilities with respect to this dog's behavior, actions, health or performance. Adopter therefore forfeits any right to sue. Adopter understands that in the event he/she gives false information or does not follow the terms of this contract, CSD may reclaim this dog and start legal proceedings against adopter at adopter's expense, and may assess damages in the amount of \$1,000, plus legal fees, against adopter.

RELEASE STATEMENT

_____, adopter(s) of the dog identified in the Preamble of this Agreement, agrees, understands and promises to forever release, discharge, indemnify and hold harmless Colorado Service Dogs, Inc., a 501c3 non-profit organization, or any of its agents or representatives, board members, or any other person associated with this organization, their heirs, administrators, executors, successors and assigns from any and all claims, damages, costs, expenses, loss of services, actions and causes of action arising out of bodily injuries, mental anguish or property damage or any other occurrence from the present time on caused by the adoption of this dog.

Adopter(s) therefore hereby releases CSD, heirs, administrators, executors, successors and assigns, board members, and any other agents or representatives from any and all responsibility with regard to this adoption, which adopter(s) undertake voluntarily and with full knowledge of the above release and its implications.

I certify that I have read and understand the terms of this Release and Adoption Agreement by

signing below this _____ day of _____ 2011

1a. _____
Adopter's Signature

1b. _____
Adopter's Printed Name

2a. _____
Adopter's Signature

2b. _____
Adopter's Printed Name