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Date of Application: _____

APPLICATION

MIRACLE MUTTS / HARMONY'S HOUNDS / CAREER CHANGE DOGS

Name _____

Street Address _____

Mailing Address _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

E-mail address _____

Daytime telephone _____ Evening telephone _____

Miracle Mutts (Special dogs for special people)- Special furry friends that provide companionship, motivation, and emotional support to people who need a helping paw. These dogs help with depression and loneliness; they provide a reason to get up in the morning and motivation to exercise; and they generally make life more worth living. *These are not Assistance Dogs. They do not perform specialized tasks.*

Harmony's Hounds (Dogs with special needs)- Dogs that have a special physical or emotional need and are looking for someone willing to provide a stable, loving home and any special care they might need with things like on-going medical concerns, old age, anxiety issues, allergies, and seizures. In the right, special environment, these dogs can thrive and provide lots of love.

Career Change Dogs- Wonderful dogs that make loving pets and companions.

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INTRODUCTION:

Adding a dog to your life will impact you in a number of ways. You will be responsible for your new dog's upkeep, including medical care, food, exercise, licensing, grooming, continued training, and any damage your dog may cause. In return, your dog will give you unconditional love, friendship, and devotion plus lots of fun and motivation.

Dogs have varying types of personalities, just as we do, and they will test their new humans to see what they can get away with. The trainer or adoption coordinator will discuss with you the types of training your dog has received and show you how to continue working with your dog. You will need to transfer the training your dog has received from the trainer and our facility to you and your home. Because they are dogs and living beings, they will make mistakes in the areas of housetraining, chewing, digging, jumping, and other doggie behaviors that you will have to address. It will take time and patience to become a bonded team, and the work will be well worth it.

WHY DO WE ASK SO MANY QUESTIONS?

We realize this application is long and includes a lot of questions. We appreciate your cooperation with regard to answering the questions honestly and completely. This is the only way we can get a complete picture of your life, needs, and expectations so that we can match you with the best dog for you. If we don't know a lot about you and we place the wrong dog with you, no one will benefit or be happy. We want all of the dogs we rescue to find their forever homes where they will be loved and well cared for.

If you are looking for the "Perfect Dog," we cannot help you. If you are looking for a companion to share your life with and are willing to do the work necessary to re-home a rescued dog, then we may be able to help you.

All of our available dogs have issues. If they were confident and happy in new situations, loved everyone, including children and other dogs, and were perfectly healthy, they would be in our Hearing Dog program. They would not be available for adoption.

Based on the information in your application, we will do our best to determine whether or not it is realistic that we will have the right dog available for you in a reasonable amount of time. If your expectations and our reality do not match, we will tell you so and suggest that you look elsewhere for the right dog for you.

Submitting an application does not guarantee that you will receive a dog. We must find the right home for each dog we rescue. After your application is reviewed, we may contact you to set up a time for an in-home interview, and/or ask additional questions, so that we can make sure we have a complete picture of your wants, needs, and expectations for a dog. If you receive a dog, we will provide follow up and do an in-home visit to make sure that you and your dog are bonding well and that everything is working out well.

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Note: If you want a dog, you will have to deal with dog hair. Dogs either shed or require haircuts. If you do not want to deal with dog hair, do not apply for a dog.

DOGS FOR THE DEAF'S GUARANTEE TO YOU:

1. If, for any reason, you cannot keep the dog any longer, we want the dog returned to Dogs for the Deaf so that we can find it another loving home.
2. We will fully disclose any medical or behavioral problems that we have dealt with, or are aware of, during the time we have been working with the dog we place with you.
3. We will keep all applicant/client information strictly confidential.

In addition, Dogs for the Deaf, Inc. reserves the right to remove any dog that we place from the home if it is being neglected or abused, or if the environment is not appropriate for the dog.

Have you ever had a dog before? YES _____ NO _____ If so, what kind/s?

All dogs at some time or other have some behavior problems, please describe what kind of problems you have had with any previous dogs and how you handled them? _____

Our dogs live in kennels and are not house trained. Pretend that you have a dog. Explain what you would do if it went to the bathroom in your house: _____

Please explain what you would do if you came home and found a pillow or shoe chewed up: _____

I live in a: House _____ Apartment _____ Duplex _____ Mobile Home _____ Other _____

Do you own or rent your home? _____

If you rent, please fill out the next box; if you own your home, skip to the next question.

Landlord's name _____	Landlord's telephone number _____
Do you have your landlord's permission to get a dog?	YES _____ NO _____
Has your landlord imposed any size restrictions on a pet?	YES _____ NO _____
If yes, what are they? _____ (We may require written consent from your landlord.)	

How long have you lived in this residence? _____

Please describe your house and yard. _____

Do you have a securely fenced yard? By "secure" we mean that it has no openings that a dog could get in or out of. YES _____ NO _____

Describe your fencing: Type _____

Height _____

Condition _____

Approximate size _____

Please describe your neighborhood (busy or quiet streets, dogs running loose, schools or parks nearby, active or quiet, etc.) _____

If you must move, how will you accommodate your pets? Please explain: _____

Have you or will you ever sell or give a pet away for laboratory experimentation? YES _____ NO _____

Why did you decide to apply for a dog at this time? _____

When you discussed acquiring a dog with all members of your household, what was the response? _____

Dogs are not perfect, are not robots, and they make mistakes. Are you fully aware of all the work involved in having a dog in the family? Please explain: _____

Please list all members of your household (including yourself) along with their ages and relationship to you:

Do you have frequent visitors? Please list all people who regularly visit you and their approximate ages:

Please list all pets currently in your household:

Species or Breed	Age	Sex	Indoor/Outdoor
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Do you plan on adopting any other pets in the near future? Please indicate types: _____

If you currently have another dog or dogs, how do they interact with other dogs? _____

When was the last time your dog or dogs met a new dog? _____

Do you have any friends or family who visit you with their dogs? YES _____ NO _____

If yes, how do they interact with other dogs? _____

The more particular you are regarding size, coat type, sex, and breed mix, the more difficult it will be to find the right match for you. Please describe the type of dog you WOULD LIKE to receive from us: _____

Is there any type or size of dog you WILL NOT consider? If yes, please describe and explain why: _____

Would you consider taking a dog with pre-existing medical issues such as a heart murmur, heartworm, bad knee, bad hip, allergies, etc.? YES _____ NO _____ MAYBE _____

Would you consider a retired Hearing Dog? YES _____ NO _____ MAYBE _____

Do you work outside the home? YES _____ NO _____

If yes, what is your work schedule? _____

Please describe your normal day: _____

How often and for how many hours a day will the dog be left alone? _____

Where will the dog be kept when it is alone? _____

Will the dog live inside the house or be kept outside? _____

Where will the dog sleep? _____

Do you travel often? YES _____ NO _____ How often? _____

What mode of travel? _____ Will you take the dog with you? YES _____ NO _____

If not, where will you keep the dog while you are traveling? _____

What kinds of activities do you plan to include the dog in? _____

How will you exercise the dog? _____

How will you play with the dog? _____

What are your interests and hobbies? _____

Is anyone in your family afraid of or unsure of dogs? YES _____ NO _____ If yes, please explain: _____

How many pets have you had during the past five years? _____

Are they still living with you? YES _____ NO _____ If no, what happened to them? _____

Do the children in your family know how to behave around dogs? Are you willing to work with your children and teach them the proper way to treat your new member of the family? _____

FINANCIAL:

Our trained dogs are provided to you free of charge, but you are solely responsible for all costs of keeping your dog fed, healthy, and helping you. Normal on-going costs for food, toys, treats, veterinary care, and grooming can easily amount to \$750 - \$1,500 per year.

YES___ NO___ I understand I am fully responsible for the care of the dog.

YES___ NO___ I expect and am able to pay for veterinary expenses.

YES___ NO___ I understand that I need to feed my dog a high quality food with a vitamin supplement and this will cost more than “grocery store” dog food that is less nutritious.

YES___ NO___ I understand I need to keep my dog at a healthy weight.

How did you learn about Dogs for the Deaf? (newspaper, website, veterinarian, friend, relative, etc.) _____

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Your Age: _____ Build: Small_____ Medium_____ Large_____

Please describe how you think having a dog would help you physically, mentally, and/or emotionally: _____

Are you able to take care of all of your own basic needs? (eating, bathing, toileting, etc.) YES_____ NO_____

If no, what needs do you need assistance with, and who provides that assistance? _____

I am energetic and active. YES_____ NO_____

I am low energy and less active. YES_____ NO_____

I (circle answer)

Like	Do not like	to play with dogs.
Like	Do not like	to take walks with dogs.
Care	Do not care	if dogs lick me.
Mind	Do not mind	a dog following me all day.
Mind	Do not mind	having dog hair on my clothes and furniture.
Want	Do not want	a dog to have access to my entire house.

PHYSICAL ABILITY TO HANDLE A DOG:

“Handling the dog” may include: 1) being able to maintain control of a dog on leash; 2) lifting a dog into a car; 3) taking a dog for a walk on a leash; 4) taking a dog out to potty on leash. Comments: _____

I have enough strength to handle a dog that weighs: (circle one)

Under 10 lbs 10 to 25 lbs. 25 to 35 lbs. 35-65 lbs. over 65 lbs.

Comments: _____

Restricted Use of Arms or Hands:

YES___ NO___ I have restricted/limited use of my arms or hands. If yes, please describe: _____

Walking:

YES_____ NO _____ I am able to walk one mile and climb a flight of stairs comfortably. If no, please explain:

Emotional or Mental Challenges:

YES_____ NO _____ I have emotional or mental challenges. If yes, please explain: _____

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I have read and understand the above information and verify that my answers are true and accurate. I am at least 18 years of age.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

If a Conservator or Guardian has been assigned, please sign here:

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

DOGS FOR THE DEAF, INC. CONSIDERS ALL APPLICANTS AND DOES NOT DISCRIMINATE FOR ANY LEGALLY PROTECTED STATUS.

DOGS FOR THE DEAF, INC. GUARANTEES CONFIDENTIALITY OF ALL APPLICANT AND CLIENT INFORMATION.