LOYAL GUARDIANS SERVICE DOG TRAINING

Volunteer Application

Thank you for your interest in volunteering with Loyal Guardians Service Dog Training (LGSDT). Our volunteers are an important part of supporting our mission and helping service dogs in training develop the skills, confidence, and real-world experience needed for their future work.

Because our volunteers may interact with service dogs in training, handlers, clients, families, staff, and members of the public, we carefully select volunteers who will represent LGSDT professionally and follow our training, safety, confidentiality, and animal-care standards.

Completion of this application does not guarantee acceptance into the volunteer program.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Full Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

City/State/ZIP: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____

Emergency Contact Phone: _____

Relationship: _____

ABOUT YOU

Why are you interested in volunteering with Loyal Guardians Service Dog Training?

What do you hope to gain from your volunteer experience?

Do you have previous volunteer experience?
☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please describe:

Do you have experience working with dogs?
☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please describe your experience:

Do you have experience with service dogs, therapy dogs, working dogs, dog training, veterinary care, boarding/kennel care, grooming, rescue, or animal handling?

Please list any other skills, education, certifications, or professional experience that may be helpful to LGSDT:

AREAS OF VOLUNTEER INTEREST

Please check all areas you would be interested in helping with:

☐ Kennel cleaning and sanitation
☐ Feeding/watering and general dog care
☐ Laundry and facility upkeep
☐ Dog bathing/grooming assistance
☐ Training setup and cleanup
☐ Service dog socialization and exposure outings
☐ Transportation assistance
☐ Community events
☐ Fundraising
☐ Educational events/presentations
☐ Photography/video/social media
☐ Administrative/office work
☐ Grant writing or fundraising support
☐ Facility/property projects
☐ Event setup/cleanup
☐ Puppy raising/support
☐ Other: _____

Please note: Checking an area does not automatically authorize a volunteer to perform that activity. Certain activities, particularly dog handling, training, outings, transportation, and client interaction, require additional approval and training.

AVAILABILITY

Days Available:

☐ Monday
☐ Tuesday
☐ Wednesday
☐ Thursday
☐ Friday
☐ Saturday
☐ Sunday

Typical Availability:

☐ Morning
☐ Afternoon

☐ Evening
☐ Flexible

Approximately how many hours per week or month would you like to volunteer?

Are you looking for:

☐ Ongoing volunteer work
☐ Occasional/event volunteering
☐ School/community-service hours
☐ Internship/educational experience
☐ Other: _____

WORKING WITH SERVICE DOGS

Service dogs and service dogs in training require consistency. Volunteers must follow the instructions provided by LGSDT trainers even when those instructions differ from how they personally train or interact with their own animals.

Are you willing to follow LGSDT's handling and training instructions exactly?
☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you comfortable being corrected or redirected by a trainer if something needs to be done differently?
☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you willing to work around dogs of different breeds, sizes, energy levels, and training stages?
☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you comfortable around barking, jumping, pulling, dog hair, drool, urine, feces, and other normal realities of working with dogs?
☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you physically able to perform the duties for which you are applying, with or without reasonable accommodation?
☐ Yes ☐ No

If accommodation may be needed, please explain what would help you participate safely:

SAFETY & CONFIDENTIALITY

LGSDT works with individuals who may have disabilities or medical needs. Volunteers may occasionally become aware of private information about a client, handler, family, or service dog team.

Volunteers are expected to respect the privacy and dignity of everyone involved with LGSDT.

I understand that I may not:

• Share private information about LGSDT clients or service dog teams.
• Photograph or record clients, handlers, dogs, or private training sessions without permission.
• Post information, photos, videos, or identifying details on social media without authorization.
• Represent myself as an LGSDT trainer, employee, spokesperson, or service dog professional unless specifically authorized to do so.
• Give clients independent training advice or change a dog's established training plan without trainer authorization.

I understand and agree:
☐ Yes ☐ No

BACKGROUND & SAFETY SCREENING

Because some volunteer positions may involve animals, vulnerable individuals, transportation, property access, or community representation, additional screening may be required depending on the volunteer role.

Are you willing to complete a background check if your volunteer position requires one?
☐ Yes ☐ No

Do you have a valid driver's license?
☐ Yes ☐ No

Would you be willing to provide proof of insurance if you volunteer for an approved driving/transportation role?
☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Applicable

Is there anything regarding your background, experience, or ability to safely perform volunteer responsibilities that you believe LGSDT should know when determining an appropriate volunteer placement?

REFERENCES

Please provide two references who are not immediate family members.

Reference #1

Name: _____

Relationship: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Reference #2

Name: _____

Relationship: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

VOLUNTEER EXPECTATIONS

If accepted as an LGSDT volunteer, I understand that I am expected to:

• Treat dogs, clients, staff, volunteers, and members of the public respectfully.
• Follow all LGSDT safety, sanitation, handling, and training procedures.
• Use only training equipment and techniques authorized by LGSDT.
• Never independently discipline, correct, train, feed, medicate, transport, or remove a dog from the property without authorization.
• Maintain appropriate boundaries with clients and service dog recipients.
• Maintain confidentiality.
• Arrive reliably for scheduled volunteer commitments or communicate when unable to attend.
• Immediately report injuries, bites, escapes, equipment failures, concerning behavior, or other safety incidents.

• Understand that service dogs in training are working animals and that their training and welfare take priority over a volunteer's desire to interact with them.
• Understand that volunteering with LGSDT does not automatically qualify someone as a dog trainer or service dog trainer.

APPLICANT CERTIFICATION

I certify that the information provided in this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

I understand that submitting this application does not guarantee acceptance as a volunteer or placement in a particular volunteer position.

I understand that Loyal Guardians Service Dog Training may determine which activities I am approved to participate in based on my experience, training, abilities, safety considerations, and the needs of the organization.

If accepted, I agree to follow LGSDT policies, procedures, training instructions, confidentiality requirements, and safety rules. I understand that failure to follow these requirements may result in suspension or termination of my volunteer participation.

Applicant Name: _____

Applicant Signature: _____

Date: _____

If applicant is under 18:

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

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Date Application Received: _____

Interview Date: _____

☐ Approved
☐ Approved with Restrictions
☐ Additional Training Required
☐ Not Approved

Approved Volunteer Areas:

Required Orientation/Training:

Background Check Required: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Staff/Trainer Approval: _____

Date: _____