



Foster Family (Puppy Raiser) and Puppy Sitter Application

Thank you for applying to become a foster family or puppy sitter for Puppy Jake Foundation. Before completing this application please review this document so you understand our expectations of our foster families and puppy sitters.

Please read the following carefully:

As a Foster Family (puppy raiser), it is your responsibility to socialize and train a puppy for a span of 18-24 months under the instruction of a qualified trainer provided by Puppy Jake Foundation. The puppy will be expected to go everywhere with you, mimicking what their life will be like when they are placed with their veteran. You will also be expected to attend class each week.

As a puppy sitter, it is your responsibility to socialize and train a dog for short periods of time. While a dog is in your care you agree to take on all the responsibilities of a foster family (puppy raiser).

As a fill-in handler you would work dogs during a class, training retreat, or on a training trip when a foster family is unable to attend.

Puppy Jake Foundation puts a lot of pride into their training program for foster families, puppy sitters and fill-in handlers. By filling out this application you agree to be a foster family, puppy sitter, or fill-in handler exclusively for Puppy Jake Foundation.

Please mark below which status you will be applying for:

- Foster Family (Puppy Raiser)- please indicate your level of interest (select all that apply)
 - Puppy Starter (8 weeks to approximately 16 weeks old)
 - Part-Time Puppy Raiser (approximately 16 weeks old to 1 year old, 4 weeks at a time)
 - Full-Time Puppy Raiser (8 weeks until approximately 1-2 years old)
- Puppy Sitter
- Fill-in Handler

Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zipcode: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Preferred method of contact?

- Home phone
- Cell phone
- Email
- Other: _____

Other members in the household:

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Ages of children in the household: _____

Pets in the household (please list species, breed, and age):

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Why do you want to be a foster family, puppy sitter, or fill-in handler?

Do you have any previous dog training experience?

- Yes
- No

Do you have any previous clicker training experience?

- Yes
- No

When a service dog is placed with a veteran they will go everywhere with them. This includes but is not limited to work, school, doctors appointments, meetings, church, grocery shopping, etc. If the puppy does not get the opportunity to be exposed and trained in these environments when they are with you then they will not get an opportunity at all. It is imperative that you take the puppy everywhere with you just as if the puppy was placed with you as a service dog.

Where is your place of employment? _____

Would your employer allow you to take the dog to work?

- Yes
- No

Where is your spouse's place of employment? _____

Would their employer allow them to take the dog to work?

- Yes
- No

Please list the restaurants that you most frequently eat:

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Please list the stores you most frequently shop:

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Have you ever raised a puppy for another service dog organization?

- Yes
- No

*If you answered "no" to the questions above, please skip to the next page.

*If you answered "yes" to the question above, please answer the next two questions.

What organization(s) have you raised a puppy for? _____

Are you currently raising a puppy for another organization?

- Yes
- No

Do you have a preference in breed that you would like to foster or puppy sit?

- Golden Retriever
- Labrador Retriever
- German Shepherd
- No preference

Do you have a preference in sex that you would like to foster or puppy sit?

- Male
- Female
- No preference

Do you have a preference in range of age that you would like to foster or puppy sit?

- 2-6 months old
- 6 months-1 year old
- 1+ year old
- No preference

Some of our dogs may be sponsored by a business, group, or individual. At times, these dogs are requested to attend events to help represent these sponsors. Are you willing to attend these events? (Selecting "No" does not eliminate you from becoming a foster but it may limit the availability of a puppy for you.)

- Yes
- No

Foster Families are required to attend:

- A minimum of 2 community events per quarter
- Work at least 2 fair shifts at the Iowa State Fair
- Class each week

As a **Foster Family**, are you willing/able to fulfill these requirements?

- Yes
- No
- Not applicable

Puppy Sitters are required to:

- Attend at least 1 training session each month
- Care for a dog at least once every 6 months
- Attend at least 1 community event every 6 months

As a **Puppy Sitter**, are you willing/able to fulfill these requirements?

- Yes
- No
- Not applicable

Puppy Jake Foundation is committed to raising well-bred and professionally trained service dogs with the correct temperament for the job they will have upon placement. In an effort to keep costs down, some puppy raisers have offered to cover the costs associated with the service dog they are raising. Please check the items below that you would be willing to pick up the costs. You will receive a tax acknowledgment letter every year as this donation is fully tax deductible. Save your receipts and submit to the CEO at the end of the year.

Thank you and please know that this information is strictly confidential.

Note: Puppy Jake Foundation is in the process of negotiating donations with vendors that provide some of the items listed below. If savings become available Puppy Jake will pass along these savings to you.

- Food (brand(s) chosen by Puppy Jake)
- Toys
- Training treats/greenies
- Leash
- Collar
- Training collars/equipment
- Crate
- Frontline/Heartgard monthly treatments (currently provided to all dogs)
- Veterinary costs

Puppy Jake Foundation will provide:

- Puppy Jake Foundation service vest
- ID badges
- Card with highlights from the ADA service dog access law
- All other necessary items that you did NOT check above

As the puppy grows you may exchange your current vest and/or other training equipment for a different vest/equipment. The puppy's current vest/equipment must be returned to complete the exchange.

Agreement

_____ I agree to attend the mandatory puppy raiser training session(s)

_____ I agree to follow the training protocols Puppy Jake has in place

_____ I agree to follow all direction given by my Point of Contact (POC) and trainer

_____ I agree to be aware of and follow all laws regarding service dog access.

Note: PJF will provide educational material about service dog laws

_____ I agree to socialize and train the puppy as directed

_____ I agree to attend community retreats

_____ I agree to blog about the puppy's training progress when asked

_____ I agree to take the puppy to public places and events with me for socialization

_____ I agree that if I am struggling with the puppy I will consult my POC for direction

_____ I agree to follow the direction from the vet regarding the puppy's health

_____ I agree to return any items that are the property of PJF when I turn in the puppy

_____ I agree to replace any items provided by PJF that are damaged or lost, outside of normal wear and tear

Foster Family (Puppy Raiser)

_____/_____/_____
Date

Puppy Jake Foundation

_____/_____/_____
Date

All information in this application is strictly confidential.

For office use only:

Dog's Name: _____ Breed: _____

Sex: _____ Birthday: ____/____/____ Litter: _____

Date Foster Family took possession of the puppy ____/____/____