



Foster Family, Fill-in Handler 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 the following information to ensure you understand the expectations of PJF Foster Families and Puppy Sitters.

Please read the following carefully:

As a Foster Family, it is your responsibility to socialize and train a puppy for a span of 4-10 months under the instruction of a qualified Trainer provided by Puppy Jake Foundation. The puppy will be expected to be socialized in accordance to guidance from our trainers. You will also be expected to attend class each week.

As a Puppy Sitter, it is your responsibility to care for a dog for short periods of time.

As a Fill-in Handler you will 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 the 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- please indicate your level of interest (select all that apply)
 - Stage 1 (2 month to approximately 8 months old, 4-6 month timeframe)
 - Stage 2 (approximately 8 months to 14 months old, 4-6 timeframe)
 - Stage 3 (approximately 14 months to 2 years old)
- Puppy Sitter- please indicate your level of interest (select all that apply)
 - Level 1: No public access or class attendance. Treat the dog as a well-mannered pet
 - Level 2: Socialize the dog in public in accordance to trainer guidance and attend class if required
- 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 it will go everywhere with him or her. 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 the puppy is with you then it will not get an opportunity at all. You will be expected to socialize the puppy by taking them in public in accordance to guidance from our trainers.

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 his or her employer allow him or her to take the dog to work?

- Yes
- No

Please list the restaurants where 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 question 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
- No preference

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

- Male
- Female
- 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 scheduled sitter training
- 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 Foster Families have offered to cover the costs associated with the service dog they are raising. Please check the items below for which 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 PJF)
- Toys
- Training treats/Greenies
- Leash
- Collar
- Training collars/equipment
- Crate
- 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 Foster/Sitter training session(s)

_____ I agree to follow the training protocols Puppy Jake Foundation 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 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 no longer have the puppy

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

_____ / ____ / ____
Foster Family, Fill-in Handler or Puppy Sitter 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 ____ / ____ / ____