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Our goal is to help those in the need of a service dog without the burden of having to pay a ridiculous amount of money.

Many centuries back, horseback riding helps with sickness, such as gout, neurological disorders, and depression. Today, dogs have become very important on the service/working dogs due to their social nature, to provide therapeutic benefits to humans with physical and mental illnesses as well to provide assistance to people with disabilities. We are no breeders.

Unleash the possibilities; one of the options will be to match a rescued dog to assist people who are disabled in leading more independent lives at work, home, and at school. Our program consists of placing the right canine assistant with the right person and working with them both, right from the beginning. We make sure there is have the potential to become an assistance dog. A professional training begins with basic obedience, follow up with specialized training for the disability or the need, and end up graduating as a full trained dog. We believe that this journey, which both, dog and human undertake together forms a strong bond that will last forever. It will take a least a minimum of 12 months before both, dog and handler are fully integrated.

- **Autism**-Our service dogs provide a physical and emotional anchor for children with autism. With your child tethered to a service dog, families feel they are newly freed to engage in activities as simple as going out to eat. When out in the community, a service dog can increase safety and make families feel secure. In many cases, the service dog accompanies the child to school, where its calming presence can minimize and often eliminate emotional outbursts, enabling the child to more fully participate in his or her school day. Transitioning among school day activities is eased and the service dog provides a focus through which the child can interact with other children. This helps increase the opportunity for the child to develop social and language skills. Our service dogs can be specifically trained to handle the challenges of Spectrum Disorders and other neurological impairments. Our dogs are able to be a constant companion with your child. They are allowed in schools, day cares, therapies and any other place your child may venture. Below is a list of some common symptoms of Spectrum Disorders and how our dogs provide a valuable resource in managing and changing the life of such special children. Impulse Running, PICA, Self Stimulation, Self Harming, Mood Swings, Night Awakenings and non - verbal symptoms can all be handled by our service dogs trained response to each of the symptoms.
- **Mobility**- Service dogs are trained to be the strength and movement for people with muscular dystrophy, multiple sclerosis, cerebral palsy, and congenital abnormalities. A service dog can perform many tasks for their companions such as picking up dropped articles, pulling wheelchairs, assisting walkers, turning lights on and off, opening and closing doors, carrying school books, and pulling their companions out of bed. Most service dogs are generally Labrador Retrievers and Golden Retrievers. We use German Shepherds and other breeds that show they have the aptitude for service work.

- **Seizure - Anxiety-** Some animals can be trained to recognize specific changes preceding an epileptic seizure in people. These animals, usually dogs, can provide a signal that acts as a useful warning to their human companion. Dogs may alert people by whining, licking the owner, and alerting others to their special companion's impending seizure. This alerting behavior allows the owner to get to a safe place or in a safe position before the onset of the seizure.
- **Diabetic-** Diabetic alert dogs are trained to identify and assist diabetics during hypoglycemic and hyperglycemic attacks. When the blood sugar levels go out of balance, the dogs detect subtle changes in their handler's body chemistry and scent, which are undetectable to the handler's human companions. The dogs don't detect specific blood glucose levels, rather they detect when levels are shifting and alert in time for the handler to check blood sugar levels and make appropriate adjustments. Most any dog can be used as a Diabetic Alert Dog.
- **Hearing-**Hearing dogs provide the sense of sound to their hearing impaired companions. These dogs can be trained to alert a person to a smoke alarm, door knock or bell, telephone, alarm clock, kitchen timer, baby cry, or the person's own name. A variety of breeds are used as hearing dogs, since intelligence and trainability are more important than strength and size.
- **PTSD** Anxiety panic, fear, irritability, depression, withdrawal, isolation, hyper-vigilance, loss of trust, nightmares, recurring flashbacks, phobias of crowds, phones, e-mail, stores, buildings, vehicles, unfamiliar people, insomnia, fatigue, pounding heart, migraines, difficulty concentrating, paranoia, sleepwalking, suicidal thoughts, antisocial behavior, suspicion, poor self-esteem are but some of the symptoms where one of our service dogs has proved useful.
- **Psychiatric** -Service dogs for psychological and psychiatric conditions provide key coping strategies to aid in the disabling symptoms associated with Mental Illness. Service dogs offer a unique, non-judgmental, ever present comfort. More importantly they serve as an early alert system to mood swings and emotional changes so the individual can engage in positive coping strategies and can lessen the severity of these symptoms by offering a variety of calming behaviors. The consistency of the service dog also eases fear of the unknown, because the service dog is always available to go for assist or possibly rescue medication. Animals Deserve Better, Inc.,
- **Down Syndrome**

We customize our dogs to your necessity and depending on that requirement we can usually place a dog with you within a couple of months of the paperwork being completed.

Our trainers work individually and as a group with each dog and their new family and handler, teaching both together, building confidence and learn the necessary skills.



## Boondocks K9 Service Dog Program

**BK9SDP** will keep your entire application confidential. Please review the application instructions before completing this form. Your application will be reviewed and an interview scheduled when all information has been received. Part A - Client Application, completed by client, two letters of recommendation and a \$10.00 application fee. Additional paperwork will be required to be completed for specific disabilities. Part B - Medical Form, completed by your physician or therapist, describing your disability.

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ MI \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Height \_\_\_\_\_ Weight \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: M F

Address

\_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Employer \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

This application must be **IN THE WORDS OF THE PERSON WHO WILL USE THE DOG**. If writing is difficult for you, provide name and relationship of person transcribing your words.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

How did you learn about BK9SDP? \_\_\_\_\_

Please select from the following list the type of dog that would be best for your current situation:

\_\_\_\_\_ Service Dog A service dog is trained to perform a minimum of three custom tasks for a person with a disability. The dog is granted full public access. A service dog can be placed with a client that is at least 16 years of age or older and is capable of handling the dog in public without assistance.

\_\_\_\_\_ Service Dog - 3rd Party A 3rd party service dog is trained to perform a minimum of three custom tasks for a person with a disability. The dog is granted full public access providing that a parent or guardian is with the client at all times when in public. Third party service dogs are available to clients that are under the age of 16 or unable to handle a dog in public without assistance from a guardian or caregiver.

What is your disability? \_\_\_\_\_

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How long have you been disabled? \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate any device:

Wheelchair \_\_\_\_\_ Cane \_\_\_\_\_ Crutches \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe your limitations:

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List people living in your home, age, and relationship:

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Any other pet? Describe type and age:

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Do you agree to the following conditions?

That an Boondocks K9 dog will spend most of their time with their partner at home AND at work, at school, and social events if he/she is certified for public access and that no Boondocks K9 dog will be in a yard or kennel for long periods of time. YES \_\_\_\_\_

That an Boondocks K9 Dog is not a family pet - he or she has a specific function in their partner's life and minimal interaction with others. YES \_\_\_\_\_

That you and your dog are ambassadors for Boondocks K9 Service Dogs Program, as well as for the entire assistance dog industry (guide, hearing, and service dogs) and you will be expected to maintain your dog's appearance and manners, as well as your handling skills. YES \_\_\_\_\_

That an Boondocks K9 dog cannot be allowed off leash except in a secure area. Exercise and elimination must be done on leash or in a fenced yard or dog run. YES \_\_\_\_\_

That you must assume full responsibility as caretaker of your Boondocks K9 dog, in charge of their safety, health, and welfare. YES \_\_\_\_\_

Medical care - all care prescribed by your veterinarian and routine annual care as directed by Boondocks K9. YES \_\_\_\_\_

Nutritional care - including use of a good quality dog food and maintaining your dog's proper weight. YES \_\_\_\_\_  
Daily exercise and play. YES \_\_\_\_\_

That you assume full responsibility for maintaining appropriate training and behavior, annually updating your public access certification or Canine Good Citizen certification as applicable with Boondocks K9 Service Dogs Program. You must maintain identification for public access. YES\_\_\_\_\_

That you must assume full responsibility for cleaning up after your dog eliminates in public and for repairing any damage caused by your dog. YES\_\_\_\_\_

Sign below if you agree to the conditions listed above

Signature:\_\_\_\_\_ Witness:\_\_\_\_\_

Date:\_\_\_\_\_ Date:\_\_\_\_\_

If your application for a service dog is approved additional documentation will be required to help us match you with the right dog.

Please attach

Letters of Recommendation Please list the name and contact information of two people who will provide letters of recommendation for you. 1) Personal (not a relative), 2) professional (therapist, doctor). Please send letters of recommendation together with a \$10.00 money order to:



Boondocks K9 Service Dogs Program  
539 CR 533  
Sumterville FL, 33585



Client Application Client Application Part B Medical History Form Please ask your physician or therapist to complete this form. Sign the release below and ask your physician to return it directly to Boondocks K9

Patient's Last name \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Release of Medical Information This authorizes you to release information regarding my condition to

Animals Deserve Better, Inc. This information will be used to evaluate and assess my situation and is essential for Boondocks K9 Service Dogs Program to train me and my service dog to increase my independence. All information is confidential. Parental or duly authorized consent is required, pursuant to state and federal law, if client is a minor, or under guardianship or conservatorship/ward of the court.

Printed name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship or title and agency \_\_\_\_\_

Agency address and phone number \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

To the Physician or Therapist: We maintain confidentiality of our clients' records. What you write here will not be shared with your patient unless you give express permission. If you have questions, please Boondocks K9 Service Dogs Programs at (877)-354-0810

Please mail the completed form to: Boondocks K9 Service Dogs Program P.O.BOX 1508 Bushnell, FL 33513

Practitioner's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Specialty: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of last examination: \_\_\_\_\_ Length of association with patient: \_\_\_\_\_

What is patient's primary diagnosis? \_\_\_\_\_

What other conditions/diagnoses does the patient have? \_\_\_\_\_

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Prognosis for duration of impairment(s):

\_\_\_\_\_

Prognosis for progression of impairment(s):

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Prognosis for lifespan:

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Medications taken on a regular basis (please list):

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To what degree do limitations affect patient's ability to perform Activities of Daily Living\* (ADL):

Normal Moderate Totally reliant.

\* Activities of Daily Living (ADL) refers to the ability to meet personal care needs, i.e. feeding, bathing, dressing, etc., as well as the ability to perform tasks necessary for independent living, i.e., be compliant with therapy and medications, manage finances, maintain home, acquire outside services.

Cognitive and Emotional Evaluation of Patient:

- A. Able to exercise judgment and make decisions necessary for ADL \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_
- B. Able to sustain attention span \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_
- C. Manifesting inappropriate behavior beyond his/her control \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_
- D. Able to control physical or motor movement sufficient to sustain ADL \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_
- E. Capable of perception and memory to the degree necessary to sustain ADL \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_
- F. Able to follow directions and learn to the degree necessary to sustain ADL \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_
- G. Under medication which impairs functioning \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_
- H. Capable of decisions about personal and others' needs and safety \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_

Is incapacity due to or affected by patient's alcoholism or drug abuse? Yes No IF YES:

A. Has patient ever been in treatment facility? Yes No If yes, when and duration?

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B. Has permanent damage resulted? Yes No

C. Has patient refused treatment or referral to a treatment center? Yes No

Boondocks K9 Service Dogs may be skilled at the following tasks:

- Manners and obedience
- Enhance balance while walking
- Retrieve dropped articles
- Enhance balance while going up or down stairs
- Push Lifeline or 911 button
- Provide brace for transfers or getting up from floor/chair
- Find and retrieve phone
- Assist in pulling wheelchair
- Find help
- Retrieve adaptive equipment
- Retrieve from refrigerator
- Carry items in mouth or backpacks
- Push handicap buttons
- Turn lights off and on
- Open and close doors
- Take items to another person
- Specialized tasks as needed by client; e.g., assist with laundry, get the mail, tug shoes or coat off .

Boondocks K9 Service Dogs Program have good manners and basic obedience. Their job is to provide assistance with tasks and companionship. Your patient will gain control of part of their lives and receive unconditional love. Are there other ways in which you think your patient would benefit from receiving an BK9SDP dog? If so, please describe:

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Can you recommend that this patient receive an BK9SDP dog? Yes No Why or Why Not?

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May we contact you with questions? No Yes Additional Comments or Remarks:

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Signature of physician or therapist: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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