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Acknowledgment of Responsibilities

I, the undersigned, will be working with Dogs for Invisible Disabilities (DID) training my dog to be a Service Animal. I acknowledge the following as my responsibilities:

- 1) I am responsible for the daily training of my Service Dog in Training (SDiT). This includes, but is not limited to:
 - a. Obedience Training
 - b. Public Access work
 - c. Appropriate interaction with other dogs and people
- 2) I am responsible for making time weekly to contact the DID trainers. I am responsible for attending weekly DID training sessions.
- 3) I am responsible for ensuring that my dog and I make advancement in our training as a SDiT Team.
- 4) I am responsible for loss or damage to items/equipment lent to me by DID as agreed to on the Equipment Form.
- 5) I am responsible for the safety, maintenance, and health of my SDiT. This includes keeping vaccinations current, microchipping, and spay/neuter.
- 6) I am responsible for taking training classes outside of the DID program to keep my dog learning and stimulated.
- 7) I am responsible for keeping DID up-to-date on my contact information (address & phone number).
- 8) I am responsible for returning of DID equipment upon completion of Public Access Test (PAT) or termination from program.
- 9) I am responsible for licensing my dog with the county where I reside.
- 10) I will keep my vest and other equipment in clean and in good condition.
- 11) I understand that to participate in the program I must have my dog spayed/neuter by 18 months of age or as recommended by a Veterinarian.
 - a. Spay/Neutering will occur at my own expense.
 - b. If the Public Access Test (PAT) is administered prior to Spay/Neuter then the certificate will be held until a certificate of Spay/Neuter is given to DID.

- 12) I will keep my dog safe by not allowing it off leash in public. I will remove my dogs “in training” vest prior to relieving.
- 13) I will track my training. I will fill out and return the Monthly SDiT Progress Evaluation form.
- 14) I will properly represent my SDiT as a dog in training and not a full Service Dog. I understand that it is illegal to represent a pet animal as a Service Dog.
- 15) I will be considerate in public and clean up after my SDiT has eliminated. I also will, as a courtesy, vest my SDiT.
- 16) I am working with my dog in partnership. I will not hit, strike, kick, yell or abuse my SDiT in any way. I will build our partnership through positive means.
- 17) I will keep current on the payments that are made to DID for training my dog. I understand that if I miss two (2) consecutive payments I will be suspended from the program until my payments are made current.
- 18) I am responsible for any medical conditions I have. I will inform DID of any medical condition(s) that I have that may effect my training my dog or my participation in any of the DID activities. If I take medications, I must carry those medications with me to any DID function. I must also carry with me identification, emergency contact information and a medication list and these must be in a readily available, easily accessible format. If I have a care giver, that person must be in attendance with me at any DID function and that person must also carry my medical emergence contact information and medication list. Failure of any of these requirements will result in my exclusion from that DID function.
- 19) Upon graduation from the DID program I will be issued a photo ID card identifying my SDTeam (Service Dog Team). That photo ID will contain an expiration date two years in the future. At that time I will present myself and my dog for re-evaluation to ensure that the dog still meets the standards of behavior an SDTeam must have. Failure to do so will result in my receiving a letter informing me that DID will no longer service the SDTeam and that DID is severing all relations with the team. This re-examination is necessary for liability purposes. A nominal fee will be charged for this service.
- 20) Children are only allowed to attend a DID meeting/function if they are directly participating in the training of the dog, are having the dog trained for them, are well-behaved and are under the direct supervision and control of a responsible adult.
- 21) The only people allowed to attend a DID meeting/function are those in the DID program and their direct support.
- 22) People who wish to potentially join the DID program, but first wish to observe, may do so with a 24 hour notification prior to, and with approval of, the head trainer.
- 23) All attendees must behave in a respectable and responsible manner.

I understand that I must complete and turn in all required paperwork within 60-days of my dog passing the Temperament Test.

I understand that DID may work with me to meet any limitations caused by my disability to meet the above responsibilities but I am ultimately responsible for the progress of my dog. I understand that I am expected to make reasonable progress through the program, even though I am working at my own pace.

Failure to uphold my responsibilities, I acknowledge that DID may take corrective action, including removal of my dog and I from the training program. The following steps in corrective action will be taken. These need not necessarily be taken in order.

- a) Verbal warning
- b) Written warning
- c) Suspension from Program
- d) Termination from Program

Dog for Invisible Disabilities acknowledges responsibility to the Service Dog in Training Team as follows:

- 1) DID will be responsible for making regular contact with the Service Dog Team to ensure that progress is made.
- 2) DID is responsible for holding trainings or group activities.
- 3) DID is responsible for developing a written training program for the SDiT Team.
- 4) DID will consider the passing of the Public Access Assessment Test (PAT) as completion of the training program.
- 5) DID will keep records of training progress.

SDiT Team Acknowledgment:

Name (Print)/Guardian

Signature

Name of Dog in Program

Date

DID Acknowledgment

Name (Print)

Signature

Position

Date