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## **ADULT DOG RAISING PROGRAM**

At **DOGS WITH WINGS**, we train dogs to do the seemingly impossible. You play an important part in the dog's continuing development by committing to being an Adult Dog Raiser. You become part of our team that works toward fulfilling our mission which is to enrich the lives of people with disabilities by providing them with highly skilled assistance dogs that increase their mobility, foster independence, and further their contributions to the community. The position of an Adult Raiser is demanding and rewarding. By accepting the care and continuing education of a **DOGS WITH WINGS'** dog, you become one of our most valuable team players.

An *Adult Dog Raiser* is a 7-day per week volunteer position. The main role of the Adult Dog Raiser is to ensure the dog is attending their advanced training. As an Adult Dog Raiser, you must bring the dog every morning (Monday to Friday) and pick up every afternoon at our training centre, located in the west end of Edmonton. When not in school, the dog is by your side; you will work as a team in an environment including offices, malls, restaurants, downtown areas, elevators, and public transportation, reinforcing the skills and the attitude of a service dog in-training.

The ultimate goal is to help the dog in developing sufficient social and advanced training skills to behave in such a manner that its presence will be acceptable in all circumstances. Our training staff will oversee this program; they will support you in the continued development of the dog by assessing and assisting in their progress. We have temporary boarding homes available to help you, the Adult Dog Raiser, when the dog is not able to accompany you, such as during vacations or personal circumstances.

**DOGS WITH WINGS** will provide dog food and cover veterinary expenses provided that they are not a result of negligence and a one-time issue of training equipment. Adult Dog Raisers are expected to provide bedding, toys & treats for training and may also incur infrequent minor costs associated with training (movie ticket, public transit, etc.) for which they are responsible.

### **Criteria for Our Adult Dog Raising Program:**

- You must be able to bring the dog to the training centre Monday to Friday, excluding holidays.
- The dog must live in the home as a member of the family.
- You are requested to assist at events and/or presentations throughout the year.
- You must be able to commit to raising the adult dog for 8 – 10 months.

If you are interested in being an Adult Dog Raiser, please send in the attached Application Form. Feel free to contact the office at (780) 944-8011 or via e-mail [puppyschool@dogswithwings.ca](mailto:puppyschool@dogswithwings.ca) if you have any questions or concerns. More information about our organization and the programs we offer can also be found on our website at [www.dogswithwings.ca](http://www.dogswithwings.ca).

Thank you for your interest in being an Adult Raiser that will help a dog earn its wings!