



Freedom Service Dogs Puppy Co-Raiser Agreement

While raising a service dog puppy in training is a satisfying experience, it takes a great deal of time and dedication to the program. Before entering into a co-raising agreement, puppy raisers should consider the logistics and challenges that may arise.

Schedule

- Who gets the puppy and how often does the puppy go to the other raiser (every two or three weeks)? This is very important for consistency while the puppy is developing and learning about routines.
- How does the puppy get transferred between co-raisers?
- If one raiser is going on vacation or out of town, does the puppy go with them if it means the other raiser will miss their turn with the puppy?

Puppy Health

- General care and appointments should be completed by the same veterinarian.
- Who will administer monthly heartworm medication? Will raisers make sure the other raiser has the correct dosage on the first or second of the month?

Supplies

- Each raiser should have their own supply of puppy food.
- Each raiser should have their own supply of toys, crates, bowls, etc.

Other

- How many outings should the puppy go on each week with just the raiser?
- Who takes the puppy to the required lesson or outing each month?
- Do both raisers attend a lesson and share the puppy handling duties?
- When the other raiser is handling the puppy, it is theirs to handle and manage. The other raiser must not interfere with the learning of another handler.
- If things do not work for one co-raiser household, can the other raiser manage to finish the puppy to IFT by themselves? Would the puppy need to be transferred to a different raiser?
- Can both co-raisers keep open communication amongst themselves, the Volunteer Puppy Coordinators, and the Puppy Development staff?

Career-Changed Puppies

- If a puppy is career-changed, which raiser has first right of refusal to adopt if adoption is deemed appropriate?



Co-Raiser Agreement

Name(s): _____ Phone # _____

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Name(s): _____ Phone # _____

Date of Agreement: _____

Things to Know

Each co-raiser will be responsible to complete a Monthly Puppy Progress Report every month. Open communication must be kept between co-raisers, Volunteer Puppy Coordinators, and Puppy Development staff.

If issues occur, Puppy Development staff must be consulted.

Schedule Agreement

First 3 weeks, where puppy spends the night (one family): _____

Second 3 weeks, where puppy spends the night (other family): _____

Trade agreement after the first 6 weeks: we strongly suggest 2 or 3 weeks intervals for the next several months:

How does the puppy get transferred between homes?



Veterinary Care Agreement

Which vet(s) will be used? (It is important to use veterinarians approved by FSD, with FSD billing information.)

Breeder Custodian Agreement

If deemed appropriate, _____ will be given first opportunity to become the breeder custodian, then the opportunity goes to the other raiser _____

Additional information for the breeder custodian agreement:

Career Change Agreement

If adoption is deemed appropriate, _____ will be given first opportunity to adopt as their own pet; then the opportunity goes to the other raiser _____

Additional information for the career change agreement:

Other Comments/Agreements

Co-raiser's signature: _____

Co-raiser's signature: _____



FSD staff signature: _____