



## **Journey Dog Team Training Program Assessment Process**

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Prospective teams are invited to participate in the Journey Dog Team Training Program assessment process, which evaluates both the handler and their canine partner for eligibility. This evaluation aims to understand the unique needs and requirements of each applicant, ensuring the program's suitability. Below is a general overview of the assessment process.

### **Initial Application**

Before initiating the assessment process, applicants must have had a medical evaluation conducted by a regulated health professional. This evaluation is to confirm the need for a trained service dog and to ascertain a qualifying disability, a condition impacting quality of life and/or independence. Subsequently, applicants are requested to submit the JDTP Application Form, which gathers additional information about the applicant and their service dog prospect. The document can be obtained via email at [info@journeydog.org](mailto:info@journeydog.org).

### **Video Submission & JDTP Canine Assessment**

Following the initial application review, eligible applicants are requested to submit a video featuring the applicant and their service dog prospect in various settings and situations. Detailed filming requirements and guidelines will be provided. Additionally, applicants must complete the JDTP Canine Assessment, which includes a comprehensive history and behavior questionnaire, along with further information about the service dog prospect.

Note: Service dog prospects demonstrate a friendly, confident, and resilient disposition, showing comfort in various environments without significant anxiety, fear, nervousness, or aggressive behaviors. They must demonstrate good social skills with people and other animals and should not exhibit high prey drive or tendencies for protection, guarding, chasing, or herding. All service dog prospects must be up-to-date on vaccinations as per local regulations and in excellent mental and physical health, as determined by a veterinarian. Additional details on the basic requirements for service dog prospects are available to inquiring applicants.



## **In-Person Meeting**

After reviewing the submitted JDTP Canine Assessment and video, an in-person meeting, whether conducted live or via Zoom, is scheduled with eligible applicants and their service dog prospects. During this meeting, the Journey Dog team conducts further evaluation of the applicant's eligibility and the service dog prospect's potential suitability for the training program. Specific needs and goals are also discussed to ensure that the JDTP aligns with the requirements and objectives of each applicant.

## **Program Acceptance**

Before gaining program acceptance, eligible applicants must submit the JDTP Veterinary Report Form and the JDTP Medical Recommendation Form, along with the reviewed and signed JDTP Agreement and the JDTP Code of Ethics. Following the completion of these steps, qualifying applicants and their service dog prospects will receive an invitation to the Journey Dog Team Training program.

**Journey Dog Service and Support Dogs** is committed to providing professional training support and guidance to qualifying teams as they navigate the JDTP curriculum and objectives. Most significantly, the organization prioritizes the development of a mutually beneficial relationship between handlers and their canine partners. Prospective teams are encouraged to initiate the assessment process by sending an email to [info@journeydog.org](mailto:info@journeydog.org). The Journey Dog team looks forward to welcoming new participants!

For inquiries or assistance, please contact [info@journeydog.org](mailto:info@journeydog.org).