

Foster/Trainer Application

Thank you for your interest in becoming a foster/trainer with the Top Dog Training LLC & Roger Up Service Dog Program. Our fosters raise and train service dog candidates from approximately eight (8) weeks of age, rotating every two (2) months, under the direct supervision of the Program Director. It is a stewardship role: every dog remains the property of Roger Up, and your daily care and training shapes a future working team for a veteran, first responder, or community member with a disability.

This application is the first step under SOP 3.1. Approved applicants will then complete an in-home assessment and a background check before being placed on the active foster roster and signing the Foster/Trainer Agreement. Please answer every question honestly and completely — there are no wrong answers, and prior dog experience is helpful but not required.

Eligibility, Not Ownership

Foster service is a volunteer stewardship role. Roger Up retains full ownership and final authority over every dog throughout the foster relationship, the training program, and any placement decision. Fosters are uncompensated volunteers; Roger Up provides all food, veterinary care, equipment, and training support, and reimburses pre-approved expenses.

Section 1 — Applicant Information

Full legal name

Date of birth

Street address

City

State

ZIP

Cell phone

Email address

Best way to reach you

Driver's license / state ID #

Occupation / employer

Typical work schedule (hrs
away/day)

Are you a military veteran or first responder (current or former)?

Veteran

First responder

Both

Neither

If yes, branch / department and years of service:

Section 2 — Household & Home Environment

Fosters must maintain a stable, appropriate home environment with no aggressive dogs in the home. A securely fenced yard is recommended but not required.

Type of residence:

House Townhome Apartment / condo Farm / acreage Other

Do you own or rent your home?

Own Rent

If renting, does your lease/landlord permit dogs, and is the landlord aware of this program?

Yes, permitted & aware Permitted, landlord not yet aware Not sure N/A – I own

Do you have a fenced yard?

Yes – fully fenced Partial fence No fence Have a kennel/run

Who lives in your household? Please list everyone, including ages of any children.

_____	_____	_____
Name	Relationship	Age

_____	_____	_____
Name	Relationship	Age

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Is everyone in the household supportive of fostering a service dog candidate?

Yes Some reservations Not yet discussed

Does anyone in the household have allergies to dogs?

No Yes (please explain below)

Section 3 — Current Pets

There must be no aggressive dogs in the home. All resident dogs must be spayed/neutered (unless medically exempt) and current on vaccinations. Please list all pets currently in your home.

Type / breed	Age	Sex	Spayed/neutered?
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Are all resident dogs current on vaccinations (rabies, DHPP, Bordetella)?

Yes No N/A – no resident dogs

Have any of your current or past pets shown aggression toward people or other dogs?

No Yes (please explain below)

Section 4 — Dog & Training Experience

Prior experience is helpful but not required — the Program provides orientation, mentorship, and a training curriculum. We simply want to understand your starting point.

How would you describe your experience with dogs?

First-time / limited	Owned family dogs
Trained my own dog(s)	Volunteered / fostered before
Professional / kennel experience	Service or working dog experience

Describe your dog-handling and training background (breeds, methods, any titles or programs):

Our Program uses a balanced training methodology (reward-based teaching with clear, fair corrections), with all tool decisions made by the Program Director. Are you comfortable following this approach?

Yes, fully comfortable Comfortable, want to learn more Have questions/concerns

Section 5 — Availability & Lifestyle

On a typical weekday, how many hours would the dog be left alone at a time?

Less than 2 hrs

2–4 hrs

4–6 hrs

More than 6 hrs

Where will the dog stay when you are not home, and where will it sleep at night?

Are you able to transport the dog to scheduled training sessions, vet appointments, and evaluations?

Yes, reliably

Most of the time

May need help with transport

Are you physically able to manage and walk a growing, energetic dog on leash?

Yes

Yes, with some limitations

Unsure

How did you hear about our foster program?

Section 6 — Program Commitments

These are the non-negotiable responsibilities of every foster/trainer (SOP 3.2). Please initial beside each to confirm you understand and accept it.

Provide safe, clean indoor housing; appropriate food, fresh water, daily exercise, and enrichment.

Initial _____

Conduct daily training following the curriculum and supervision of the Program Director.

Initial _____

Maintain a daily training and care log on the form provided by Roger Up.

Initial _____

Attend a weekly check-in (in person or virtual) with Top Dog Training LLC.

Initial _____

Report any health, behavior, or safety concern to the Program Director within 24 hours.

Initial _____

Follow all vaccination, veterinary, and health protocols; never give medication or supplements without approval.

Initial _____

Provide weekly photos and short video updates for Roger Up documentation and donor reporting.

Initial _____

Use only Program-issued gear in public; never represent the dog as a fully trained service dog.

Initial _____

Use no training tool (prong, e-collar, etc.) unless authorized and fitted by the Program Director for that dog.

Initial _____

Accept dog rotations approximately every 2 months and participate in handoff briefings.

Initial _____

Understand the dog remains the property of Roger Up, which may reclaim it at any time.

Initial _____

Section 7 — References

Please provide two references who are not members of your household (e.g., a veterinarian, employer, or someone who knows your experience with animals).

Reference 1 – name

Relationship

Phone

Email

Reference 2 – name

Relationship

Phone

Email

Veterinarian / clinic you currently use (if any):

Clinic name

Phone

Section 8 — Background Check & Authorization

A background check is required of all fosters and is kept on file with Roger Up (SOP 3.1).

Have you ever been charged with or convicted of any crime involving violence, dishonesty, or animal welfare?

No

Yes (please explain below)

Authorization & Acknowledgment

By signing below, I certify that the information in this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I authorize Roger Up and Top Dog Training LLC to verify this information, contact my references, conduct a criminal background check, and schedule an in-home assessment. I understand that submitting this application does not guarantee acceptance, that final approval is at the sole discretion of the Program Director, and that any placement will be governed by a separate Foster/Trainer Agreement.

Applicant signature

Date

Printed name

For Program Use Only

Date received: _____ Reviewed by: _____

In-home assessment: Scheduled Passed Not passed

Background check: Clear Flagged

Decision: Approved Waitlist Declined Decision date: _____