



## Power Paws Assistance Dogs, Inc.

Our mission is to provide highly skilled assistance dogs to people with disabilities, education, and continuing support for working assistance dog teams, and to be a resource in the community for people with disabilities.

### General Information Process for Placement of Service Dog

Power Paws provides service dogs for civilians and veterans in four “areas of placement:”

1. Type I Diabetes (Endocrinologist)
2. Post-Traumatic Stress Syndrome (Psychiatrist)
3. Mobility Challenges (Neurologist) or a
4. Facility (Animal Assisted Interventions).

Power Paws does not match dogs based on symptoms, but the specific diagnosis in our “four areas of placement.” We train and place service dogs for a single diagnosis. If your need for a service dog is outside our “four placement areas,” please contact Assistance Dogs International ([www.assistedogsinternational.org](http://www.assistedogsinternational.org)) and complete a member search to find the right agency.

**To start the process:** Power Paws will need a one paragraph (brief bio) with your name, address, phone number and email.

Part A. Next steps. Contact your physician's office, and ask that they provide Power Paws with the following:

- Your Diagnosis, Date of Diagnosis, and stage of health challenge.
- A prescription for an Assistance Dog in one of our “four areas of placement.”
- Physician's correspondence, faxes and/or Prescription can be sent directly to Power Paws:
  - 480-947-3090, reference the name of applicant and date of birth, .
  - Via email: [placements@azpowerpaws.org](mailto:placements@azpowerpaws.org), or
  - Mail to: Power Paws Assistance Dogs  
Placement (include applicant's last name)  
Ability 360  
5025 East Washington, Suite 204  
Phoenix, AZ 85034
- Physician's prescribing Assistance Dog should include his/her license number and the state granting his/her practicing license.
- Power Paws will contact “the applicant” within 48 hours after the information is received.

#### Part B. Next Steps.

- Power Paws will send you “the applicant” a questionnaire and medical release for your signature.
- Your signed medical release form must be received by Power Paws, before the
  - Medical Questionnaire is sent to your physician.
- Power Paws must verify receipt of your signed medical permission slip to request information from your physician.
- Power Paws will then send your physician a medical questionnaire.

Part C. With both questionnaires complete, Power Paws training staff will evaluate the questionnaires and inform you if we can help you find the right assistance dog to serve you.

Part D. After completion of all the paperwork. Placement of a service dog could be 12-16 months. However, at any given time, if the right canine is available your wait time could be shorter. Power Paws will call you with the availability. Applicant must confirm their participation with a deposit of 50% within two weeks. Client will be invited to start a Client Readiness program to work toward placement. An update of our progress to find the right service dog for you will be provided every three months.

#### Special Information

- Power Paws is a 501 c 3 nonprofit that includes “fee for service programs” to support its operating cost.
- Placement for a service dog is a fee for service program.
  - No goods or services can be exchanged in lieu of the fee for service program activities.
  - Service Dog Placement is a fee for service and cannot be deemed as a donation in accordance with IRS Publication 1771.
  - Power Paws does not engage in creating fundraising events on behalf of the applicant to support individual service dog placement.
  - Power Paws does not have a scholarship program.
  - Power Paws does not require applicants or clients to be a part of its fundraising or public relations activities.
- Power Paws does welcome applicant or client participation voluntarily in events (fundraising, public relations, community outreach) to support its mission and agency wide activities, with written consent.
- Power Paws will comply with all safety measures recommended by the Center for Disease Control regarding COVID-19.
  - Requirements for training or applicant will include “personal protection equipment” and safe distancing. Other rules may apply.
- Applicant Training Fee: \$10,000
  - Deposit (nonrefundable) of 50% is required to schedule within two weeks of approval.
  - Client will be invited to start a Client Readiness program to work toward placement.
  - Power Paws will provide an update on placement status every three months.
  - If the first appointment is missed, you will be placed on the schedule in the next calendar year.
  - If the second scheduled date is missed, a third date will be scheduled with the next available canine in your placement category.
  - If the third scheduled date is missed, your deposit will be forfeited.
    - Power Paws will not accept future inquiries for assistance dog placement.

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