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Prepared for Volunteer Puppy Mentors

Created by 1st Responder Canine (FRK9)

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Puppy Mentor Information:

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____

State & Zip Code : _____

Cell Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____

Employer: _____

Email: _____

Dog's Information:

Name: _____

D.O.B: _____

Chip ID #: _____

Age of Dog: _____

Breed: _____

Sex: _____

Color: _____

Date of expected placement: _____

Contract is between *1st Responder Canine Service Dogs* & _____ [Puppy Mentor]

Thank you for making the 15-24 month commitment to raise a potential service dog for 1st Responder Canine (herein after referred to as FRK9). Puppy Mentoring is a serious and time consuming commitment and we appreciate your dedication to helping our nation's First Responders. FRK9 is here to help you out every step of the way on this very important task.

The Puppy Mentor(s) understand and agrees to the following conditions:

1. FRK9 is the sole owner of the dog and maintains sole authority of the dog. This includes, but is not limited to, health, welfare, safety, temperament, training, and placement.

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2. Puppy Mentor understands volunteer role is foster a potential service dog from approximately 8 weeks old to 15-24 months old. At the end of training, the puppy mentor will return dog to 1st Responder Canine.

Initial: _____

3. Puppy Mentor will let FRK9 know of any of the following: change of employment, a move, or puppy not

providing a good match in household.

Initial: ____

4. Puppy Mentor understands that dog may be considered for other careers inside or outside FRK9 besides service work. Before adoption 1st Responder Canine will first look at other careers dog could pursue.

Initial: ____

5. Except in an emergency, FRK9 will only pay pre-approved and authorized veterinary expenses. In case of emergency situation, Puppy Mentor is expected to contact FRK9 Staff to make them aware of the situation before arriving at the vet.

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6. Puppy Mentor agrees to fill out Puppy Mentor Progress Report on the 1st of every month. Puppy Mentor will record training outings in Training Log provided to Puppy Mentor and will notify staff on any behavior(s) concerning to Puppy Mentor as soon as possible.

Initial: ____

7. Puppy Mentor understands and accepts that puppies and dogs are likely to cause some damage to property (urination and defecation, chewing, etc.). Puppy Mentor will receive training on how to prevent such situations.

Initial: ____

8. FRK9 will not be held liable for any harm or damage caused by dog in training.

Initial: ____

9. Puppy Mentor agrees to attend all training classes, outings, veterinary appointments and training evaluations and assessments. If the Puppy Mentor cannot make scheduled appointment, Puppy Mentor must communicate with FRK9 Staff 48 hours in advance.

Initial: ____

10. For the safety of the FRK9 Dog in training, Puppy Mentor agrees to never take dog to dog park or expose to unfamiliar, potentially unvaccinated dogs.

Initial: ____

11. Puppy Mentor will keep the dog at a healthy weight and well-groomed. Puppy Mentor will follow FRK9 Staff feeding instruction and guidance.

Initial: ____

12. FRK9 will cover costs for feeding puppy, veterinary care to include routine checkups, spay/neutering, vaccinations, parasite control and some equipment necessary for raising a service dog in training. This will include but is not limited to, a service dog vest, leash, collar, and grooming equipment.

Initial: ____

13. FRK9 is responsible for providing monthly flea and tick and heartworm Medication. Puppy Mentor is responsible for giving it to dog on the 1st of every month.

Initial: ____

14. Puppy Mentor will keep dog on leash or in secure, supervised fenced yard.

Initial: _____

15. FRK9 will provide crate and Puppy Mentor will use crate as instructed by FRK9.

Initial: _____

16. Puppy Mentor agrees to follow FRK9 Staff's training advice exclusively. Puppy Mentor should not try or use training methods or equipment not approved by 1st Responder Canine Staff.

Initial: _____

17. FRK9 reserves the right to re-home dog at any time if training team believes it would be better for the training, success, and well-being of that dog. Puppy Mentor will be notified and dog will be re-assigned a new Puppy Mentor.

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18. Puppy Mentor agrees to never leave dog in training with person not trained by FRK9. Puppy Sitters must be pre-approved. Except in the case of an emergency, Puppy Mentor should let staff know of any travel plans 2 weeks in advance.

Initial: _____

19. There will be mutual respect, consideration, and courtesy between FRK9 Staff, Puppy Mentors, Donors, Puppy Sitters, Puppy Petters, and General Volunteers and clients. Discrimination or mistreatment of any kind will not be tolerated.

Initial: _____

20. Puppy Mentor agrees to care for the puppy in a humane and kind manner and to provide the puppy with a clean and safe living environment.

Initial: _____

21. Puppy Mentor agrees to comply to all policies outlined in Puppy Mentor Manual. FRK9 reserves the right to modify policies at any time. **FRK9 reserves the right to re-home dog at any time and/or dismiss Puppy Mentor from the puppy mentor program if he/she is not in compliance with policies.** Upon notice to re-home and/or dismiss puppy mentor, dog must be returned to FRK9 immediately.

Initial: _____

22. In the event dog is not returned immediately to FRK9, Puppy Mentor agrees to pay all of FRK9 costs and expenses in order to retrieve dog, including any legal fees.

Initial: _____

23. Puppy Mentor agrees to list dog on home owners/renter's insurance policy at their expense.

Initial: _____

I have read and understand the agreement completely and agree to all terms and conditions

[1st Responder Representative]

[First name]

[Last name]

[Title]

[Signature]

[Date]

[Puppy Mentor]

[First name]

[Last name]

[Date]

[Signature]

FRK9 Media Release

Photo, Video, and Media Release

I, _____, (please print) grant permission to *FRK9* and its agents and employees the unrestricted right to reproduce and use my name, likeness, image, voice, and/or appearance as such may be embodied in any pictures, photos, video recordings, audiotapes, digital images, and the like, taken or made on behalf of *FRK9* activities. I agree that *FRK9* may have complete ownership of such media, etc., including the entire copyright, and may use them for any purpose consistent with *FRK9* missions. These uses include, but are not limited to illustrations, bulletins, exhibitions, videotapes, reprints, reproductions, publications, advertisements, and any promotional or educational materials in any medium now known or later developed, including the Internet. I acknowledge that I will not receive any compensation, etc. for the use of such pictures, etc., and hereby release *FRK9* and its agents and assigns from any and all claims which arise out of or are in any way connected with such use.

I have read and understood this consent and release.

I give my consent [] ***do not give my consent*** [] to *FRK9* to use my name and likeness to promote the program mission, its fiscal agent, and/or their activities.

Signature

Date

Parent / Legal Guardian (if age 17)

Date