

ACT Courts Canine Support Program Application

Thank you for your interest in Guide Dogs NSW/ACT's ACT Court Canine Support Program.

Please read and complete all pages in this document. Once completed please forward to:

ACT Courts Canine Support Program
Guide Dogs NSW/ACT
Unit 11 40-42 Corinna Street
Phillip, ACT, 2606

Or email to: ntoohy@guidedogs.com.au

Applicant Details

Title (Mrs, Miss, Ms, Mr, etc.): _____ Date of Birth: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Suburb, state, postcode: _____

Home phone: _____ Mobile phone: _____

Email address: _____

Preferred contact: Mobile Email Home phone

Uniform size (polo short / vest): Ladies 8 10 12 14 16 18 other _____

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Emergency Contact Information

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Contact number: _____

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SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE

In what profession/area is the bulk of your experience?

Please outline any formal qualification/ training you have completed:

Please outline any interests or hobbies you feel may support your application:

Please outline any recent or previous volunteer experience you have:

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Which days can you commit to for weekly Courthouse visits 9am – 10.30am?

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday NA

Do you have current or previous dog handling experience? Yes No

Describe: _____

Are you physically capable of handling an approx. 30 - 35 kilo dog? Yes No

Have you :

- a) been investigated by any government, semi-government, administrative, fiscal, judicial or other body, department, commission, authority, tribunal, agency or entity in relation to animal cruelty; or
- b) been in breach or alleged to have been in breach of the any legislation or local by-laws relative to the keeping of dogs, cruelty against animals or animal welfare.

Yes No

Personal

Courts can be high stress environments and some encounters may be distressing for various reasons. Not all court users will be comfortable with or want to engage with a Therapy Dog. Additional training will be given to all successful applicants to support their roles. It is important however to consider what impact, if any, attending court may have on your personal wellbeing.

Do you have the capacity to remain composed in situations you may find uncomfortable? Yes No

Would taking on such a role put you at risk of triggering or exacerbating existing mental health issues? Yes No

Are you willing to seek assistance or advice to debrief should you feel distressed? Yes No

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Working With Vulnerable People Check and National Police Check - Mandatory

Once your application has been approved you will be required to provide current Working With Vulnerable People and National Police Check certificates. On approval you will receive an email containing links so that you can apply online. Copies will be required.

Media

On occasion Guide Dogs NSW/ACT or ACT Courts may seek stories and information for promotional purposes. Would you be prepared, if asked, to give permission to use and distribute the following mediums of you: photographic, video, audio, printed material? Yes No

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Agreement

I understand that Guide Dogs NSW/ACT assesses all applications on the merit of each case and has the right to determine the suitability, or not, for applicants to become a Therapy Dog Handler.

I agree that all information provided is accurate and true to the best of my knowledge. I understand my information will be kept confidential and is protected by the Guide Dogs NSW/ACT Privacy Policy.

Name of signatory _____

Signature _____ Date _____

**If you have any further enquiries please telephone Guide Dogs NSW/ACT Canberra on:
02 6147 3560**

Thank you for your application!