



SAINT FRANCIS  
SERVICE DOGS

# What to Expect When Applying for a Saint Francis Service Dog

## INDICATE INTEREST

May take a year or more to move to Applicant Status

- Submit Contract Information Form
- When there is availability, Saint Francis forwards application
- Applicant completes and return application

## APPLICANT STATUS BEGINS

Generally takes 3 months

- Saint Francis Reviews Application
- Interview Completed
- Home Visit Performed
- Screening Committee evaluates & makes recommendation to board
- ◆ Board approves or denies application
- Applicant complete fencing (if not already in place)
- Applicant attends Orientation

## CANDIDATE STATUS BEGINS

May take a year or more to be matched with a Saint Francis dog

- Candidate attends Candidate Classes (5 times per year)
- Candidate attends Matching Interviews (generally multiple interviews needed)
- Home Visit Performed
- ◆ Saint Francis determines appropriate dog match

## PARTNER STATUS BEGINS

Continues for lifetime of the partnership with the Saint Francis Dog

- Team successfully completes Team Training (10 days)
- Team successfully completes In-Home Training
- Team successfully completes Probation Period (6 months)
- Team passes Certification Test
- Saint Francis transfers ownership of the dog
- Team attends Ongoing Partner Support Classes (voluntary)
- Team passes Certification Testing every other year



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