

## Service Dog in-Training Candidate Traits Inventory

### Instructions

Complete this inventory for each dog you meet who you think could be a Service Dog-in-Training candidate for you. If more space is needed for answers, please continue on another sheet of paper.

### Inventory

1. Where and when did you meet the dog?
2. How old is the dog?
3. How much does the dog weigh?
4. What breed(s) is the dog? What breed-specific influences appear to be present in the dog (describe specific behaviors and physical characteristics).
5. In what type of conditions has the dog been living?
6. What do you know about the dog's past?
7. How is the dog being treated by the human(s) who currently care for him or her?

8. How was the dog described to you? List adjectives. For example, is the dog “timid,” “frightened,” “pushy,” “sensitive” or “happy-go-lucky”?
9. List the dog’s strengths and weaknesses as they were described to you.
10. List the dog’s strengths and weaknesses as you see them.
11. Is the dog crate-trained? Describe to what extent if so.
12. Is the dog trained to walk at heel? Describe to what extent if so. Describe the environments where the dog has been trained to walk at heel.
13. Does the dog have any phobias or reactive behaviors or a history of such? For example, is the dog “afraid of enclosed spaces” or is this a dog “who doesn’t like men” or a dog “who growls and lunges at other dogs”?
14. What is the dog’s current level of socialization to: a) living inside an average home; b) people; c) other dogs; d) public places; e) other animals that you have in your home, and f) walking on leash?
15. What is the dog’s general energy level on a scale of 1-10, with 10 being the highest?
16. Does the dog have any present or past health issues?

17. How strongly do you connect with the dog? Rate this on a scale of 1-10 with 10 being the highest.  
Explain your answer.

18. How strongly does the dog connect with you? Rate this on a scale of 1-10 with 10 being the highest.  
Describe any behaviors in the dog that seem to indicate the level of connection or interest.