

Use of Service Animals in Schools

Appendix B – Application for Service Animal

This Form is to be submitted to the School Principal: School Grade Student Name Address & Home/Cell Number

Disability-Related Needs to be Accommodated by Service Animal

• Please attach a copy of the assessment report from a registered pediatrician, psychologist, psychiatrist, optometrist, or audiologist containing the student's diagnosis and describing in detail the disability-related learning needs or acts of daily living to be accommodated and how the Service Animal will provide accommodation in a school setting.

Veterinary Certificate

- Please attach a certificate from a veterinarian qualified to practice veterinary medicine in the Province of Ontario (confirmation to be updated annually) attesting to:
 - o The species of animal, age, and confirmation that the animal is an adult.
 - o The animal does not have a disease or illness that might pose a risk to humans or dogs.
 - o The animal has received all required vaccinations.
 - o The animal is in good health to assist the student.

Information regarding Animal

- Describe in detail the tasks or services performed by the animal.
- Identify the oral commands or visual signs to which the animal responds.
- Attestation will be required confirming that the animal does not make vocal noises, does not engage in distracting behaviour, does not exhibit aggression.
- Identify whether the animal will be on a leash/harness or in a crate.
- Describe the biological needs of the animal.

Student

- Can the student independently manage the animal?
- Describe in detail where, when and how the student currently utilizes the animal's services in public spaces for accommodation purposes.
- Please describe below what, if any, responsibilities the student is capable of performing independently.
- Please describe below the responsibilities you wish to have assumed by a school staff member.

Insurance

A parent/guardian must provide an insurance certificate identifying the Board as an insured in the event that the animal causes damage to the school or its contents or causes injury or death to any person accessing the school building or the school grounds. A minimum of two million dollars of coverage will be required.