

WILD WAGGERS ASSISTANCE DOGS



Assistance Dog Placement Intake Application

Your first step toward being matched with a trained assistance dog



Welcome

Thank you for your interest in receiving a fully trained assistance dog through Wild Waggers. Our placement process is designed to carefully match each individual with a highly trained assistance dog suited to their lifestyle, environment, and support needs. Every dog is trained with purpose, structure, and wellbeing in mind to ensure a successful long-term partnership.



About Our Assistance Dogs

Wild Waggers provides fully trained assistance dogs tailored to support a range of needs, including:

- Psychiatric support
- Autism support
- Medical alert (e.g. diabetic or gluten detection)
- Task-based assistance for daily living

Each dog undergoes extensive training and assessment to ensure they are safe, reliable, and capable of working confidently in a variety of environments.

Please note: not every dog is suitable for assistance work, and placement is based on compatibility and suitability—not just availability.



How to Complete This Application

To ensure your application is processed efficiently, please:

- Answer all questions honestly and thoroughly
- Provide as much detail as possible where required
- Complete all relevant sections (including NDIS or Minor sections if applicable)
- Ensure contact details are accurate

Incomplete applications may delay processing.



Financial Commitment

Assistance dogs involve a significant financial investment.

Applicants should be prepared for:

- Initial placement costs
- Ongoing expenses (food, veterinary care, equipment, etc.)

Further details will be discussed with suitable applicants during the next stage of the process.



NDIS Participants

If you are an NDIS participant, please note:

- Wild Waggers is not a registered National Disability Insurance Scheme provider
- Funding decisions are made solely by the NDIA
- We can assist by providing supporting documentation where appropriate



About This Application

This application is the first step in our placement process.

It allows us to understand:

- Your daily lifestyle and environment
- The type of support you require
- Your suitability for handling and maintaining an assistance dog

All information provided will be reviewed carefully to determine whether we can offer a suitable match.



Important Information

Before proceeding, please ensure you understand the following:

- Submitting this application does not guarantee acceptance into the placement process
- Assistance dogs require ongoing care, training, and commitment
- Placement timelines may vary depending on training progress and suitable matches
- Not all applicants will be accepted, as our priority is the wellbeing of both dog and handler



Supporting Documentation

If your application progresses, you may be asked to provide:

- A support letter from a qualified professional (GP, psychologist, OT, etc.)
- Identification verification
- Additional documentation if required

Full medical records are not required.



Our Commitment

At Wild Waggers, we are committed to:

- Ethical training practices
- Thoughtful and appropriate dog placement
- Ongoing support throughout your journey

Our goal is to create successful, lasting partnerships that improve independence, confidence, and quality of life.



Next Steps

Once submitted, your application will be reviewed and you will be contacted regarding the outcome and next steps.

we look forward to learning more about you and supporting your journey toward an assistance dog partnership.



WILD WAGGERS

ASSISTANCE DOGS



Completing the Application

The following sections are designed to help us gain a clear understanding of your lifestyle, environment, and the type of support you are seeking from an assistance dog. Please take your time to answer each question honestly and in as much detail as possible, as this information plays an important role in determining suitability and creating the best possible match between handler and dog.

If a question does not apply to your situation, you may leave it blank or indicate "N/A." Some sections, such as NDIS or minor applicant details, are only required if relevant to your application. Providing clear and accurate information will assist us in processing your application efficiently.

1. Applicant Details

Please select the option that best applies to this application:

- ☐ I am applying for myself (18+ applicant)
- ☐ I am applying on behalf of a minor (under 18 years)

Primary Applicant Details

(Person completing this form)

Full Name:

Date of Birth:

Phone Number:

Email Address:

Residential Address:

Emergency Contact (18+ Applicants Only)

Emergency Contact Full Name:

Relationship to You:

Phone Number:

Minor Details (If Applicable)

Full Name (Minor):

Date of Birth:

Age:

Parent / Guardian Details (If Applicable)

Full Name:

Relationship to Minor:

Phone Number:

Email Address:

Section 2: Lifestyle & Daily Routine

Please describe your current daily routine, including work, study, and time spent at home.

On average, how many hours per day would the dog be left alone, if at all?

- ☐ The dog will not be left alone
- ☐ 1-2 hours per day
- ☐ 3-4 hours per day
- ☐ 5-6 hours per day
- ☐ 7-8 hours per day
- ☐ 8+ hours per day

Where will the dog stay when left alone

- ☐ Inside ☐ Outside ☐ Crate ☐ Other: _____

Please describe your home environment:

- ☐ House ☐ Apartment ☐ Other: _____

- Does your home have access to a secure yard?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

- If yes, please describe fencing type and height:

Please outline all members of your household, including ages where relevant.

Are all household members supportive of welcoming an assistance dog into the home?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No



Section 3: Animal Experience

Do you currently have any pets? If yes, please provide details (species, breed, age, and temperament).

Please describe any previous experience you have with dog ownership or training.

Have you previously worked with a professional trainer?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please provide a brief overview:

Have you ever owned or handled a working, assistance, or highly trained dog?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please describe your experience:

How confident do you feel handling a dog in public environments?

- ☐ Very confident
- ☐ Somewhat confident
- ☐ Not confident

Section 4: Program Preferences

What type of assistance dog are you seeking?

- ☐ Autism Support
- ☐ Psychiatric Support
- ☐ Medical Alert (e.g. diabetic, gluten detection)
- ☐ Other: _____

Section 5: Suitability & Commitment

What has led you to seek an assistance dog at this stage?

Are you prepared to commit to the ongoing care, handling, and training required for an assistance dog?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you able to attend scheduled sessions and follow professional training guidance where required?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Do you understand that maintaining an assistance dog requires consistency, structure, and daily commitment?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Section 6: Functional Needs & Support

(This section focuses on your day-to-day needs rather than medical history.)

Please describe the challenges you experience in your daily life that you are seeking support with.

What specific tasks or assistance would you expect an assistance dog to provide?

(e.g. grounding, alerting, interruption behaviours, retrieval, etc.)

In which environments would you require support from your assistance dog?

☐ Home ☐ Public spaces ☐ Transport ☐ Workplace ☐ Other: _____

What supports, strategies, or services do you currently use?



Section 7: Financial Commitment

Assistance dogs require a significant financial and long-term commitment. This section ensures applicants have a clear understanding of the investment and ongoing responsibilities involved.

I acknowledge and understand the estimated financial investment required for an assistance dog placement:

\$15,000 - \$40,000

☐ Yes

I understand that the above cost reflects the time, training, care, and resources involved in raising and preparing a fully trained assistance dog.

☐ Yes

I understand that ongoing costs will include, but are not limited to:

- Veterinary care
- Food and nutrition
- Equipment and maintenance
- Insurance (recommended)

☐ Yes

Would you require a structured payment plan (if available)?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure

NDIS / External Funding (If Applicable)

Are you intending to seek external funding support (e.g. NDIS) for this placement?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Section 8: Suitability & Commitment

What has led you to seek an assistance dog at this stage?

Are you prepared to commit to the ongoing care, handling, and training required for an assistance dog?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you able to attend scheduled sessions and follow professional training guidance where required?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Do you understand that maintaining an assistance dog requires consistency, structure, and daily commitment?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Section 9: NDIS (If Applicable)

Are you currently an NDIS participant?

☐ Yes ☐ No

NDIS Number (optional at this stage):

How is your plan managed?

☐ Self-managed ☐ Plan-managed ☐ NDIA-managed ☐ Unsure

Do you currently have funding that may be allocated toward an assistance dog?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure

Have you discussed an assistance dog with your support team (e.g. OT, Support Coordinator)?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Do you currently have supporting documentation recommending an assistance dog?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ In progress

Please list any relevant members of your support team:

Section 9: Final Information

Is there anything further you would like us to know in support of your application?



Supporting Documentation Requirements

Information for Applicants

Overview

As part of the Wild Waggers assistance dog placement process, selected applicants will be required to provide supporting documentation to assist in confirming suitability and progressing to the next stage.

This documentation is only requested after initial application review and will be discussed with you if your application is successful.



Professional Support Letter

A letter from a qualified professional involved in your care, such as:

- General Practitioner (GP)
- Psychologist
- Occupational Therapist (OT)
- Specialist (where applicable)

This letter should confirm:

- That you experience a condition or challenges impacting daily life
- That an assistance dog may provide benefit or support

Full medical records or detailed diagnostic reports are not required.



Applications for Minors

If applying on behalf of a minor, additional documentation may be required, including:

- Parent or guardian identification
- Confirmation of legal guardianship (if applicable)
- School or support environment considerations (where relevant)



Important Information

- Documentation is only requested after initial application approval
- All information is handled with strict confidentiality and care
- Providing documentation does not guarantee placement, but assists in progressing your application
- Delays in providing documentation may impact application timeframes

Next Steps

If your application is successful, you will be contacted with clear guidance on:

- What documents are required
- How to submit them
- Timeframes for completion



Identification Verification

To confirm applicant identity, you may be asked to provide:

- Valid photo identification (e.g. driver's licence or passport)



Client Agreement & Program Documentation

Successful applicants will be required to:

- Review and sign a client agreement
- Acknowledge program expectations and responsibilities
- Confirm understanding of care, handling, and training requirements

NDIS

NDIS Participants (If Applicable)

If you are seeking support through the National Disability Insurance Scheme, additional documentation may be required, such as:

- Supporting reports from your allied health team
- Functional capacity or recommendation reports
- Documentation to support funding requests

Please note:

- Wild Waggers is not a registered NDIS provider
- Funding decisions are made solely by the NDIA
- Assistance can be provided to support your documentation process where appropriate



Our Approach

We aim to keep our documentation process:

- Respectful
- Relevant
- Non-invasive

Only information necessary to support appropriate placement and compliance will be requested.

If you have any questions regarding documentation requirements we are happy to assist throughout the process.