

Thank you for your interest in Wildrose Service Companions, Inc. A diabetic alert dog (DAD) *might* be an ideal tool to aid in management of your diabetic condition, but, a DAD is not ideal for every diabetic. The diabetic handler must not only have an expressed DESIRE to have a service dog, but also a NEED for this new tool in diabetic management. An ideal candidate for a Wildrose DAD:

- must be Type 1 Diabetic

- must be able to meet the needs of the dog. A service dog has physical and medical needs - which will have financial implications to the handler and which will mean a significant investment of time. The dog will need to be groomed, fed, vetted, and exercised. The dog will also need vest, patches and bedding. The estimated yearly expenses for maintaining a service dog are \$900.

- must provide adequate living accommodations. It IS possible to have other pets in the home, but the ideal home for a DAD is a stable home, with no other dogs.

- must have made aggressive attempts to control Blood Glucose levels, under the supervision and advisement of an endocrinologist. The diabetic handler should already be monitoring the blood sugar levels to the best of their ability, yet, still having unpredictable highs and lows that warrant adding a DAD to their arsenal of tools.

- must make a long term commitment to maintaining the partnership with the DAD and with Wildrose trainers.

- must commit to a minimum of 2 visits to Wildrose kennels during the training of their dog, and must commit to attending some type of training at Wildrose kennels annually for the first 24 months after the dog is placed.

- must demonstrate the ability to be a responsible DAD handler in multiple environments.

Each portion of the application process is important and must be completed before your application is considered. Your application packet will be started when the initial application is completed and received by Wildrose Kennels. All steps must be finalized and received at the Kennel before your application packet is finalized for review and consideration. A representative of Wildrose Kennels will confirm that your packet is complete within 72 hours of receiving all required components. At this time, a phone interview and/ or visit to the kennels can be scheduled. Placement of a DAD is contingent upon completing both the application process and all pertinent training sessions at Wildrose Kennels. .

The application process can be [viewed here](#).