



Puppy Raiser/Interim Foster Program Timeline



1. Applicant completes the written Puppy Raiser Program application found on the ISD website
 - a. Specify interest in either short-term interim fostering, long-term puppy raising, or both
2. Written application feedback will be shared with the applicant within 3 weeks
 - a. If selected for an interview, an ISD member will be in touch regarding scheduling
3. If the candidate moves forward following the interview, a home visit will be conducted
 - a. Prefer in-person but may be virtual if needed
 - b. Will ensure ISD safety requirements for a puppy/dog are met both inside and outside the home
4. An ISD member will follow up within 2 weeks following the home visit
5. If accepted, the applicant will be placed on a waiting list to receive a puppy/dog
 - a. Applicants are welcome to observe weekly campus trainings in-person or virtually, and may reach out to program training resources in the meantime
6. Prior to receiving a dog, the applicant must demonstrate confidence and preparedness to house an ISD dog through a combination of some of the following:
 - a. Attending training sessions or team meetings with the dog they will receive
 - b. Do a 1:1 training session
 - c. Have a 1:1 walkthrough with a primary/Training Advisor in-person/virtually
7. Depending on interest, a Puppy Raiser may act as an interim foster with a dog for a shorter period of time prior to receiving a puppy for a longer duration