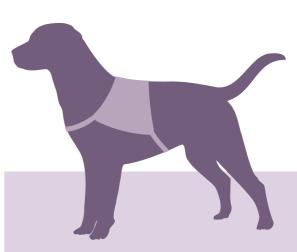
# **Courthouse Dogs® Foundation**Planning • Preparing • Launching



**LEGAL PROFESSIONAL** FROM GOVERNMENT **OR NONPROFIT AGENCY** 



**COURTHOUSE DOGS® FOUNDATION** 



**ASSISTANCE DOG ORGANIZATION** 

### PLANNING for your Courthouse Dog® Program.



How do we get a dog to help the vulnerable people we serve?

Research. Lots of questions.

**Encounter CDF during research** and get in touch with us via email or phone.



**Speak at conferences to** educate legal professionals.

Maintain up-to-date website about best practices.

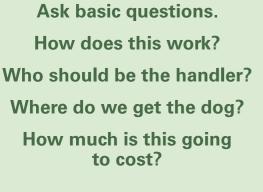
Initial phone call or email.



assistance dogs. Puppy is born.



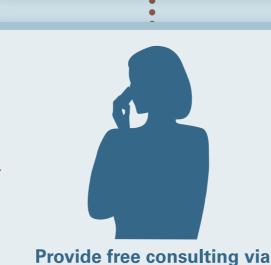
littermates first 8 weeks of life. with lots of special handling.



Who do we need to convince that this will work? How will we do that?

What about allergies in the office? Many questions depending

on the agency.



phone or email to answer questions in program development.



raising program, typically either a family or prison.



information and terminology.

**Available for assistance** 

should questions arise



people and interesting environments.

develop the program and to have dog on the premises.

Permission is given to



for a dog?



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**Provide detailed information** 

about the accredited

assistance dog schools that

can provide the dog.

for about 18 months.

Early obedience training of puppy by puppy raisers



puppy enters advanced training, and begins to be trained daily by professional assistance dog trainers.

## PREPARING for a Courthouse Dog® Program.

Apply to accredited assistance dog organization for dog.

Wait for application to be accepted. This can take up to 6 months.



agency staff members, judges, prosecuting attorneys, defense bar, and other stake holders.

begin to evaluate. **Continuing training of dogs on** skills needed in their work.

Receive application and



for dog. This waiting period can be up to a year.





technical assistance. Educate judges, attorneys, victim advocates, administrators, law enforcement personnel, forensic interviewers.



for placement.





#### LAUNCHING of successful Courthouse Dog® Program.

goes to work with handler every day.

Dog lives with handler and



Become part of network of handlers providing information for legal professionals who want to start programs.

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**Provide continuing oversight** of dog/handler team.

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