



University of Washington

## Live Mascot Family Application

Thank you for showing interest to become our next family for the Live Mascot, The Alaskan Malamute Dubs II. Dubs plays an integral part in the University of Washington image and an ambassador for the University. It is imperative that the family that is chosen is aware of their responsibilities and are committed to giving the dog a loving home which is structured to minimize Dubs' stress and maximize the ultimate success as the Official Husky Mascot. The estimated duration of role as official University of Washington mascot is 10 years but the role of the family of Dubs II is a commitment for the entire life of the dog (approximately 10-15 years), not just while serving as mascot.

The expectations of the family are as follows:

- Provide a loving, safe home for Dubs II for the entire life of the dog. The environment is clean, healthy, and chemical free which provides adequate space indoors and outdoors for a dog of this size, receiving appropriate mental and physical enrichment and stimulation.
- Dubs II will receive adequate and prompt veterinary care allowing him/her to the best possible quality of life.
- Maintain Dubs II's grooming and physical hygiene
- Provide a healthy balanced diet following the recommendations of veterinarian and trainer.
- Participate in training sessions with the trainer approximately a 5-10 hours a week (3-5 days a week) commitment for the first 2 years of Dubs II life
- Maintain training program for the duration of Dubs II's tenure as mascot 1-5 hour per week commitment
- Attend all home football games approximately 7 games per year, 6 hour commitment each game, delivering and taking Dubs II home.
- Deliver/Take home Dubs II from other athletic and community events approximately 30-40 per year, no more than 3 per week.
- Prompt correspondence with Athletic Department in regards to Dubs II's availability for events and coordination with Student handlers for events (primarily done by email)
- Attend the interviews of Student Mascot handlers-aid in the decision process.
- Represent the University of Washington and the Mascot program in a positive light.

The University of Washington Athletic Department will screen each applicant to ensure a good match between puppy and family for a successful placement. Please answer the following questions as completely and honestly as you can and return the completed application to: Dubs2@uw.edu by: February 1, 2018. Questions can be directed towards: Dubs2@uw.edu. All information in application is confidential and subject to background check.

Please fill out this page for all members of the family that are over 18 years old that live in the household.

**Family Member #1: Application**

Name:

Address:

City, Street, Zip:

Email Address:

Home Phone Number:

Cell Phone Number:

Preferred method of contact:      Email      Home Number      Cell Number

Employer:

Employer Address:

Occupation:

Approximate hours worked per week:

Do you travel for work?

YES      NO

If yes, please describe the frequency and duration:

May we contact your employer for an employment verification?

YES      NO

If yes, please list email, phone number and title of the person we may contact:

Affiliation to the University of Washington:

Student

Alumni

Employer (past or present)

Fan

Years attended:

Please list any groups/communities you are affiliated with at the University of Washington (last 5 years):

Have you attended a University of Washington Athletic event in the past 2 years?

Yes

No

What are some of your hobbies and what you like to do with your spare time?

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**Family Member #2: Application**

Name:

Address:

City, Street, Zip:

Email Address:

Home Phone Number:

Cell Phone Number:

Preferred method of contact:      Email      Home Number      Cell Number

Employer:

Employer Address:

Occupation:

Approximate hours worked per week:

Do you travel for work?

YES      NO

If yes, please describe the frequency and duration

May we contact your employer for an employment verification?

YES      NO

If yes, please list email, phone number and title of the person we may contact:

Affiliation to the University of Washington:

Student

Alumni

Employer (past or present)

Fan

Years attended:

Please list any groups/communities you are affiliated with at the University of Washington (last 5 years):

Have you attended a University of Washington Athletic event in the past 2 years?

Yes

No

What are some of your hobbies and what you like to do with your spare time?

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**Prior Dog Experience**

1. Do you currently own a dog(s)?    YES                      NO
  - If yes, please list the following for each dog you own:
    - § Breed:
    - § Age
    - § Sex:
    - § How does he/she behave with other dogs?
  - What did you do to socialize your dog(s)? (puppy classes, dog daycare, dog parks...):
  - What type of physical activity and exercise does your dog get?
  - Is your dog crate trained?  
                                 YES                      NO                      NOT ANYMORE                      UNSURE
  - How would you describe your dog?
  - When disciplinary action is needed, what has been the your method to resolve the issue?
  - When questions arise about your dog(s) actions or behaviors, what resources do you utilize?

2. Do you currently own any other pets?      YES                      NO
  - If yes, please list for each pet you own.
    - Species (and breed if applicable):
    - Age:
    - Sex:
3. Have you owned a dog before (not including the dog(s) listed in question 1)?
  - If yes, please list the following for each:
    - Breed:
    - Sex:
    - Spayed/Neutered?
    - Where did you acquire the dog (breeder, shelter, rescue organization, pet store?):
    - How long did the dog live?
      - Circumstance of death:
4. Are you familiar with the Alaskan Malamute Breed? Have you ever owned an Alaskan Malamute before?
5. What attracts you to this breed?
6. Malamutes are typically between 65-95lbs and have a coat which sheds primarily seasonally as well as continually. Are you okay with having a dog of that size and sheds live in your home?
7. What behavioral or physical traits do you NOT want in a dog?
8. Have you ever relinquished a dog or cat to a shelter or returned to a breeder? If yes, please describe the circumstances:
9. Have you ever attended any group or private training classes with your dog? If yes, please describe (and include names of trainers or schools and approximate year attended)

10. Have you ever had to overcome any of the following behavior challenges with a current or previous dog?

- Destructive chewing:            YES            NO
- Digging:                                YES            NO
- Barking:                                YES            NO
- Pulling on leash:                    YES            NO
- Noise phobias or sensitivities (i.e. scare of fireworks):    YES            NO
- Aggression-dogs:                    YES            NO
- Aggression-people:                 YES            NO
- Fear based behaviors:               YES            NO
- Escaping from yard/house and running away:                YES            NO
- Potty training:                        YES            NO

11. Are you familiar with Positive Reinforcement based dog training and learning theory?

12. Dubs II will be spayed/neutered at a time agreed upon by the breeder/Athletic Department (between 6 months to 1.5 years old). Do you have any problems abiding by these terms? If yes, why?

13. What veterinarian and clinic do you or have you used for your pets. May we contact your veterinarian to obtain a reference for your family?

- Veterinary Clinic:
- Veterinarian Name:
- Phone Number:

14. When you go on vacation or go out of town, who has cared for your dog/pets?

### **Family Background and Lifestyle**

1. Please list the names and ages of your children, if any.
  
2. Do all members of your family agree upon the addition of an Alaskan Malamute?
  
3. Which of the following best describes your residence?

Apartment                      House                      Townhome                      Condominium                      Other



4. Do you rent or own your residence?
5. How long have you resided at current residence?
6. Do you plan on moving any time soon? Could you be in a position where you would have to unexpectedly have to move in the future?
7. Do you have a yard? If yes, please describe yard and fenced (include height and type of fence):
8. If you do not have a fenced in yard, how will you plan on providing security for Dubs II when it is outside (bathroom breaks and exercise)?
9. Malamutes require a lot of exercise, are you able to take a dog on at least a 1 hour walk/jog daily?
10. How long are you away from the home while at work?
11. Is it possible for someone in your family to come home during the day to exercise Dubs II?
12. Do you have a work environment where Dubs II could join for partial or full days?
13. Dubs II will have events that happen during the week during normal work hours, is it feasible for you to deliver Dubs II to/from the UW campus for events (approximately 1.5-hour commitment)?
14. Dubs II will have events that happen during the weekend or after typical work hours for both athletic events as well as community and campus events. These events are typically scheduled about 1 month in advanced, is it going to be feasible for you to deliver Dubs II to/from the events (on campus and surrounding Seattle area)?

15. Dubs II will require considerable training for his job as Official Mascot, some of which will just require the availability of Dubs II, but others will require your family to be present in order for everyone to maintain consistency in the training program. Please list for a typically week, what your availability is:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday

16. Would you authorize the following to pick up Dubs II from your home to transport to events without a family member present? Please circle all that apply

- Trainer:                      YES                      NO
- Student Handlers:        YES                      NO

17. Given your current life style, how would you plan on leaving Dubs II when away from the house (ex: work or other personal commitments) Check all that apply.

- Outside in yard
- Outside in dog run
- Inside, loose (free access to all areas of home)
- Inside, restricted space- Please Describe:
- Inside in crate
- Indoor/outdoor access through doggy door
- In garage
- Other:

18. What is your plan to exercise Dubs II when under 1 year old? Over 1 years old?

19. Where will Dubs II spend its time when family members are home? Check all that apply.

- Outside in yard
- Outside in dog run
- Inside, loose (free access to all areas of home)
- Inside, restricted space- Please Describe:
- Inside in crate
- Indoor/outdoor access through doggy door
- In garage
- Other:

20. Where will Dubs II sleep? Check all that apply.

Outside in yard

Outside in dog run

Inside, loose (free access to all areas of home)

Inside, restricted space- Please Describe:

Inside in crate

Indoor/outdoor access through doggy door

In garage

Other:

21. Do you own a vehicle?            YES            NO

a. If yes, please fill out the below for all vehicles you would be willing to transport Dubs II in.

i. Make:

ii. Model:

iii. Year:

iv. Owned?            Leased?

v. How do you plan on transporting Dubs II in the vehicle?

22. Who is going to be the primary caretaker of Dubs II?

23. Please list the following references

○ Neighbor:

▪ Name:

▪ Phone Number:

▪ Email:

○ Personal:

▪ Name:

▪ Phone Number:

▪ Email:

○ Personal:

▪ Name:

▪ Phone Number:

▪ Email:

Other comments: