

REFERENCE SHEET  
FOR APPLICATION FOR TRAINING WHEELS™ CERTIFICATION

Name of applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Please type or print clearly. Please return this form, completed and signed, to the applicant in a sealed envelope.

Training Wheels™ is a mobile community outreach program designed to assist pet owners so they will not resort to relinquishing their animals to the shelter. The program partners shelter and dog training professionals on outings directly into communities to provide supplies and training advice. (See [www.CASAFriends.org](http://www.CASAFriends.org) for more information.) The ideal candidate possesses basic knowledge of and experience in (for dogs and cats):

- Issues and current trends in the field of animal sheltering (overpopulation, spay-neuter, role of the shelter, reasons for pet relinquishment, etc.),
- Health care issues (common ailments, parasites, diseases, recognizing signs of disease/stress),
- Behavior of animals, safe and humane handling techniques, behavior of the chained or penned dog, and
- Humane, reward-based training methods.

In addition, the candidate must like people and have non-confrontational communication skills.

Please describe how you know the candidate and assess the candidate's strengths and limitations in each of the above areas. If you are associated with an animal shelter, please say a few words about how the candidate's certification could benefit your shelter and your community. Feel free to use an additional sheet.

I support this candidate's application for certification in Training Wheels™, a program of the Community Animal Shelter Association (CASA).

Name (please type or print clearly): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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