

M.A.S.T is an independent group that associates with the VA and the CAPT James A. Lovell Federal Health Care Center. For Questions please send them to MAST.servicedogs@gmail.com

Service Dog criteria

To qualify, the veteran MUST be able to answer "yes" to ALL of these questions:

Does the veteran have any Physical Disability? _____

Please explain why you believe you need a service animal and your limitations? _____

Does the veteran have extended family that can stay or lives with the Veteran to care for the animal when you are not able to? _____

Can the veteran financially afford to care for a service animal? (Estimating roughly around \$2,500 a year) _____

Will You Give the M.A.S.T program a Release of Information form (Attached in packet)? _____

Will the veteran's medical Team provide you with a letter stating your medical needs for a service dog?

Do you allow the M.A.S.T program to have access to your Medical Team to ask questions? _____

Can the veteran commit to a year of training which will be broken into segments? _____

Can the veteran attend a **2-consecutive week on site training course** with TOPS? _____

Has the veteran read and agreed to our full terms and conditions of the M.A.S.T program? _____

Do you have a copy of your DD214 to put into the packet? _____

IN ADDITION, I AGREE TO THE PROGRAMS REQUIREMENTS OF:

- You will have a visit from the M.A.S.T service group for the initial interview for questions that you or the team might have.
- You will be introduced to your service animal at the TOP Kennel in Grayslake's, IL.
- 2 initial full weeks training at the paws for veteran's location
- The Animal stays at the TOPS Kennel until the Trainer says you can start day, night, and weekend visits at your establishment.
- You will be under an 18- 24 months' Probation (Once assigned a service animal) before we officially sign the service animal over to you.
- Regular checkup for the animal with the Veterinarian clinic of the M.A.S.T's choice (Lindenhurst Animal Hospital).
- Unscheduled Visit from the M.A.S.T team throughout the 18-24 months of probation.
- you will need to bring the service animal back to TOP for regular training to make sure the animal is keeping with their training.
- You will not have full custody of the animal until the Trainer and the M.A.S.T Program Manager agrees.

Veteran's signature Date

Witness Date

IF REQUIREMENTS ARE NOT MET AND MAINTAINED, OR WE HAVE INFORMATION THAT THE ANIMAL IS NOT BEING PROPERLY TAKEN CARE OF OR TRAINED AT ANY TIME IT WILL RESULT IN REMOVAL OF YOUR SERVICE DOG AND SUPPLIES, REMOVAL FROM THE PROGRAM, FORFEIT OF ALL FUNDING, REPAYMENT TO M.A.S.T, AND/OR NOTIFICATION AND REPORTING TO RELEVANT OFFICIAL PARTIES