



COLLAR OF DUTY

SERVICE DOG TRAINING APPLICATION FORM

Applicant Information:

FULL NAME _____

Date of Birth _____

Gender (Optional) _____

Phone Number _____

Email Address _____

Home Address _____

Branch of Service _____

Type of Discharge: _____

Do you currently have a dog? Yes: No:

Dog Information (if applicable)

Dog's Name _____

Breed _____

Age (Approximate) _____

Disability Information (if applicable)

Primary Disability / Condition (Please be Specific)

How long have you been living with this condition?

How does your disability affect your daily life? (Please describe):



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Have you received a formal diagnosis from a medical provider?

Yes: No:

Can a service dog assist you with specific tasks or challenges? (Check all that apply):

Mobility Assistance

Alerting to medical conditions (e.g., seizures, blood sugar, etc.)

PTSD support

Balance support

Other: _____

Medical and Professional Information

Are you registered with the VA? Yes: No:

Have you had prior experience with a service dog? Yes: No:

Are you currently receiving treatment or therapy related to your disability? Yes: No:

If yes, please describe:

Service Dog Requests/Requirements

Do you have preferences regarding breed, size, or temperament? Yes: No:

If yes, please describe:



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Living Environment

House: Apartment: Other:

Do you have any allergies or restrictions we should be aware of? Yes: No:

If yes, please describe:

Training and Commitment

Are you able to commit to the dog training service process? Yes: No:

Would you be willing to attend training sessions with your service dog? Yes: No:

How often are you available for training? (e.g., weekly, monthly)

Emergency and Back-up Information

Emergency Contact(s) (Name, Relationship, Phone Number):

Do you have a backup caretaker for the dog if you are unavailable? Yes: No:

If yes, please provide contact information:



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Application Agreement & Signature

I certify that the information I have provided is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the service dog training application and matching process requires review of my military, medical, and personal history, and I agree to provide any necessary documentation to support this application.

I acknowledge that, under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), service animals are defined as dogs trained to perform specific tasks directly related to a person's disability. I understand that Emotional Support Animals (ESAs), which provide comfort but are not trained to perform disability-related tasks, are not considered service animals under the ADA. Collar of Duty's mission is to provide service dog training, and I agree to participate actively in the training process to ensure the dog can perform tasks that assist with my disability.

I agree to work with Collar of Duty's designated trainer and to participate in training activities required to meet service dog standards, including passing the American Kennel Club's Canine Good Citizen (CGC) test. I understand that continued participation in the program requires consistent engagement and responsibility, and that Collar of Duty reserves the right to discontinue my participation at any time at its sole discretion.

Consent for COD Use of Protected Health Information

By signing below, I allow Collar of Duty to disclose and discuss protected health information within the COD organization and with their contracted Dog Trainer for the purposes of coordinating training and/or care, pairing of Veteran with a Service Dog, and any related services. This Release applies to the information provided in this application to the COD Service Dog Training Program, the requested supporting documentation necessary for applying to COD's program, and any information requested from me that I have provided to COD to facilitate pairing me with and training a service dog. I understand that my active participation and being forthcoming with information is essential for the program to be successful.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Next Steps...

Applications are reviewed on a quarterly basis. You will be notified of the timeline for the next review once your application has been received.

As part of the review process, Collar of Duty will request supporting documentation, including:

- DD-214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty)
- VA Verification of Benefits Letter (available through VA.gov)
- Medical documentation verifying the disability listed in this application
- Documentation of Residency in Mesa County, Colorado

Once your application file is complete and before the next quarterly review, Collar of Duty will schedule an assessment with our Dog Training Supervisor. This assessment helps determine your individual needs and identify the type of service dog that would be the most appropriate fit. Participation in the assessment is required for application consideration.



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COLLAR OF DUTY SERVICE DOG TRAINING STANDARD

Collar of Duty's mission is to provide service dog training, including passing the American Kennel Club's Canine Good Citizen (CGC) test, detailed below. Under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), service animals are defined as dogs trained to perform specific tasks directly related to a person's disability. While Emotional Support Animals (ESAs) provide comfort, they are not trained to perform disability-related tasks, therefore, are not considered service animals under the ADA and are not within COD's scope of mission.

AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB – Canine Good Citizen Test

Canine Good Citizen Test Items

Test 1 : Accepting a friendly stranger	+
Test 2 : Sitting politely for petting	+
Test 3 : Appearance and grooming	+
Test 4: Out for a walk (walking on a loose lead)	+
Test 5: Walking through a crowd	+
Test 6: Sit and down on cue and stay in place	+
Test 7: Coming when called	+
Test 8: Reaction to another dog	+
Test 9: Reaction to distraction	+
Test 10: Supervised separation	+

WEB LINK FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: [CGC Test Items – American Kennel Club](#)

<https://www.akc.org/products-services/training-programs/canine-good-citizen/canine-good-citizen-test-items/>