



Kent County Chapter 850
Vietnam Veterans of America
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Canines Assisting Service Heroes

Service Dogs for Delaware Veterans



A CASH assistance dog is specially trained for a person with a Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) or Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI).

This type of dog is taught behaviors that help Veterans with PTSD to better cope with fear and anxiety. These dogs can provide a physical barrier between their partner and the public while providing a social bridge, provide stress reducing pressure on trained body points and provide behaviors to alleviate flight or fight responses. These dogs have full public access rights under the Americans with Disabilities Act.

To place your name on a waiting list, please fill in the information below. Once a dog is close to completing his training you will be asked to fill out a more in-depth application to begin the selection process.

Before filling out the application, we ask that you read the following information to ensure that you qualify as an applicant:

1. **CASH (Canines Assisting Service Veterans) Service Dogs places dogs for the following client types:**
 - a. Honorably Discharged Veterans who have been formally diagnosed with PTSD, TBI or a physical disability.
 - i. Veterans who are diagnosed with PTSD and also have anxiety or depression are welcome to apply.
 - b. Applicant must be a Delaware resident.
2. **CASH (Canines Assisting Service Veterans) is unable to provide service dogs at this time for the following conditions even if PTSD exist:**
 - a. Low vision, or individuals who are blind
 - b. Individuals looking for a medical alert dog for diagnosis such as diabetes, seizures and severe allergies
 - c. Individuals who are deaf
 - d. Mental health diagnosis such as, schizophrenia, bi-polar disorder, borderline personality disorder, etc.
 - e. Non-military civilians diagnosed with PTSD, anxiety and/or depression

If you have any questions about your eligibility for the CASH (Canines Assisting Service Heroes) program, please contact us at: 302-697-9798 and leave your name, phone number and a short message.

APPLICATION PART A

Date _____

First Name _____ MI _____ Last Name _____

Date of Birth _____ Age _____ Height _____ Weight _____ Gender: _____

Address

Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Employer _____ Work Phone _____

E-mail _____

Name of Nearest Relative _____ Relationship _____

Address of Relative

Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Relative's Home Phone Number _____ Work Phone _____

How did you learn about CASH? _____

Race/Ethnicity: White Black Hispanic/Latino Asian Other
 American Indian/Alaska Native Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander

Military Personnel Questionnaire:

Do you have a military affiliation? _____

What branch? _____

Are you active or retired? _____

Have you been formally diagnosed with PTSD? _____

Are you receiving treatment from a military, VA or civilian facility for PTSD? _____

Have you received a disability rating from the VA for PTSD? _____ Percentage _____

For non-active military clients, please attach a copy of your DD214 form to this application

Dog Information

A successful assistance dog applicant must be able to care for the daily need of his or her dog. Therefore we ask you to consider and answer the following: (please indicate if you are unable to do a certain task.)

Where will your dog be taken for toilet requirements? _____

When do you get out of bed in the morning? _____

What time do you retire in the evening? _____

Will the dog be exercised and have playtime? Yes No

Have you ever had a pet dog before? Yes No

Do you or anyone in your household have a dog now?

If so, what is the age: _____ Sex: _____ Neutered: Yes No

When traveling, would you take the dog with you on trips? Yes No

If you have a dog now, would you be willing to give up your present dog, if it cannot get along with a CASH dog? Yes No (Explain)

If your present dog is not well-mannered, are you willing to train your dog before you receive your CASH dog? Yes No (Explain)

How many hours per day would the dog be left alone? _____

All dogs are taught basic dog obedience and socialized in public situations. Describe the ways you believe a service dog can assist the applicant in activities or daily living?

By signing below I certify that all the above information is correct, complete, and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand this is an initial contact information application and more in-depth application will be required to be completed to be considered for a service dog. I understand that filling out this application does not guarantee I will receive a CASH service dog.

(Signature)

(Date)

It is the policy of this organization to provide equal opportunities without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, age, or disability.