



Medical Report

Please send the following documents to your primary care physician.

Medical Health Report

Please submit this form to your primary medical health provider

Believet
P.O. Box 385
Northfield, MN 55057
Phone: 507-581-4226
Fax: 612-329-0049

Dear Provider,

Your patient has applied for a service dog from Believet Canine Service Partners. A service dog from Believet can dramatically improve your patient's quality of life at no cost to your patient or the VA. The information you provide will help us determine your patient's suitability for our program.

Please take a moment to read the summary of our program on the following page. We would appreciate your completion of this report with the demands of our program in mind. Any and all information you provide will be held in the strictest confidence. Please return this form by mail marked confidential to the above address or fax. Please contact us at 507-581-4226 if you have any questions. We ask that this form be completed within 3 weeks of being received.

Release of Information

This Consent for Release of Information authorizes you to release information regarding the client's medical and/or mental health condition to Believet Canine Service Partners. All information will be held confidential by Believet representatives.

Veteran Name

Date of Birth

Veteran Signature

Date

Provider's Name (printed): _____

Provider's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Provider's Specialty: _____

Provider's Email: _____

Agency Name: _____

Agency Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

YOU MAY ALSO USE STAMP (Please include complete phone number):

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Dear Provider,

For the health, safety, and efficacy of our program, service dogs, and staff, please be advised of the program disqualifying factors listed below. The health and wellbeing of our service dogs and staff are of the utmost importance. While you complete the documents received, keep these factors in mind. Please answer the questions on this form honestly. If you do not know the answer to a question, please indicate N/A. If it is found that the applicant or provider provides intentionally misleading information, the application will be void.

- 1) Must have a formal psychiatric or mobility impaired diagnosis from a medical provider. Diagnosis is not required to be related to military experience.
- 2) Must be a U.S military veteran or active duty. Must be an honorable character of service on DD214.
- 3) Must be able to afford the financial responsibility of the dog's vet care, and basic care needs.
- 4) Must have a stable living environment/housing: can not live in a dangerous area, can not be on the verge of homelessness.
- 5) Must have the mental and physical capability to attend regular training and be able to comprehend and memorize training techniques, etc.
- 6) Must not express aggressive or threatening behaviors.
- 7) Must not have a chemical dependency: If they have had a chemical dependency in the past they must maintain sobriety for a minimum of one year before their application can be accepted; must continue support groups such as AA or other therapies.
- 8) The veteran and household members must not smoke in their house or vehicle for the health of the service dog.
- 9) Must not own an animal that is dangerous to the safety of the service dog.
- 10) Must have a good reputation with a previous veterinarian if they own other animals: Must not have a history of neglect or animal abuse.
- 11) Must have a recommendation from professional references to receive a service dog.
- 12) Must agree to Believet's Code of Conduct Policy.
- 13) Must agree to a criminal background check.
- 14) Must have a minimum of three support contacts. The support contacts must be in agreement for the veteran to have a service dog and follow the terms outlined in the Veteran Application: Supporter Responsibilities.
- 15) Close family members or caretakers must be in support for the veteran to have a service dog.

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Service Dog Program Summary

Our training program will require the veteran's attendance at the Believet training facility in Northfield, MN for a **minimum of 120 hours** of One-on-One training. During those hours, the veteran will learn to become a proficient dog handler in a variety of environments and situations. Our goal is to prepare our veterans for many of the challenges life presents.

Veterans receive one-on-one training at the Believet facility. Though they are matched with their own service dog in the beginning of the program, veterans train with all Believet service dogs to learn valuable handling skills. As their handling skills progress, veterans will train in public and in more challenging situations. Completing the program takes approximately 3-6 months depending on the veteran's training schedule, handling ability, number and difficulty of custom service tasks, and the paired dog's training level.

The veteran will be expected to:

- Regularly attend scheduled trainings
- Follow training instructions from Believet staff
- Go on public outings with a Believet trainer
- Have the ability to comprehend, and execute the training lessons and apply them to their everyday lives
- Perform learned handling techniques in public and private spaces independently
- Provide basic care for the service dog; (feedings, vet needs, exercise, etc.)
- Provide a safe, stable, living environment for the dog
- Contact Believet if the service dog is sick, injured, or has passed away; if the veteran can no longer care for or does not require the service dog any longer.
- Schedule and attend annual public access tests

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Believet service dogs are trained for a variety of custom service tasks consisting of but **not limited to** the following tasks:

- Manners & obedience
- Retrieving: dropped items, medications, clothing (& help remove), retrieve from refrigerator, find & retrieve phone etc.
- Take items to another person
- Hold and/or carry items in mouth: purse, bags, etc.
- Activate public handicap door buttons
- Push 911 or lifeline button
- "Shake" (greeting) creates positive interaction with public
- Provide confidence to navigate public spaces and interact with community
- Alert to: fire alarm, doorbell, phone ring, other alarms.
- Nightmare interruption/wake up
- Turn on light
- Hold open door
- Enhance balance: walking and/or stairs
- Anxiety interruption: provide deep pressure, "Visit" for comfort
- Brace for transfers, rising from floor or seated position
- Assist, pull and stop wheelchair
- Assist with laundry, shopping, etc.

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Provider Information

How long have you treated this patient? _____

Have you seen this patient within the last year? Yes No

Have you seen this patient within the last 60 days? Yes No

Patient Medical History

Please indicate any diseases/conditions affecting this patient:

Disease/Conditions	Medication	Dosage	Treatment Plan/Long Term Prognosis

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Please specify any other conditions/health concerns this patient has been diagnosed with and their treatment plans for those conditions:

Is the patient medication compliant? Yes No

What condition(s) is/are the primary focus of treatment?

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Is it estimated that this patient's condition may worsen over the next 5-10 years making it difficult if not unlikely that this patient can adequately care for and utilize a service dog?

Yes

No

Short term prognosis:

Long term prognosis:

Is this patient in remission? If no, what does the future treatment plan look like for this patient?

May the patient's condition interfere with completing daily training? (Exhaustion, pain, stamina, other medical conditions etc. Daily lessons usually span 2-4 hours.)

Does this patient have a history of substance abuse? If yes, what is the substance?

Is this patient currently using/prone to relapse?

Has there been concerns in the past regarding misuse of prescribed controlled substances?

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Has this patient had any hospitalizations in the last year? If so, for what concerns? _____

May we contact you with questions? Yes No

How is the best way to contact you with questions?

Are you able to recommend that this patient receive a Believet™ service dog? Yes No
If no, please explain: