



Referral Form for a Medical Professional

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PART 1 – Patient History

- Holdfast K9 recognizes that only a Physician can diagnose a person with a disability(ies) and prescribe the use of a service animal as part of their patients treatment program.
- No attempt is made to override any medical directives or processes.
- Patients must be in steady and regular treatment for their disability condition.
- The patient must be at a point in their treatment where they are stable enough in their condition to undergo training in group and public settings as well as care for a service animal.

This certifies that _____ is a patient under my medical care:
Print patient's name

1.	I verify that my patient has a qualifying disability as detailed under Provincial or Federal Legislation.	_____ Drs Initials
2.	I verify that my patient would benefit from the use of a service dog.	_____ Drs Initials
3.	I also verify that my patient does not have issues of substance abuse with alcohol, prescription medications or medicinal marijuana.	_____ Drs Initials
4.	I verify that the above medications prescribed to my patient will not impair or inhibit their ability to care for or manage the service dog.	_____ Drs Initials
5.	I verify that my patient does not have anger issues that may result in any type of abuse of their assigned service animal (both physical and mental).	_____ Drs Initials
6.	I verify that my patient is stable enough to travel and undergo training in public group settings.	_____ Drs Initials
7.	I verify my patient has no fear of dogs, people or surroundings that would inhibit their ability to manage a service dog or undergo training.	_____ Drs Initials
8.	I agree to contact Holdfast K9 Intake Director should my patient cease treatment, transfer to a different medical professional or I suspect both paras 3, 4, and 5 have changed.	_____ Drs Initials

Add any additional notes about your patient you feel needs be brought to our attention.

PART 2 – Medical Professional Information

Medical Diagnosis of Patient: _____



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PART 3 – Service Dog Tasks

Common Tasks Performed by Service Dogs

The physician needs to indicate (prioritize) a maximum of 3-5 common tasks that should be trained into the dog that they feel would benefit their patient.

1. Hearing impairment to such a degree that the person requires a service dog to:

- ☐ Alert handler to name being called
- ☐ Alert handler to phone ring
- ☐ Alert handler to oncoming cars
- ☐ Alert handler to any potential dangers
- ☐ Alert handler to the presence of others
- ☐ Other auditory support tasks: please explain

2. Mobility Physical disability or mobility issues to such a degree that the person requires a service dog to:

- ☐ Retrieve dropped items
- ☐ Hold items
- ☐ Carry items in a store or to another room
- ☐ Place items on the counter at the cash register
- ☐ Open/close doors
- ☐ Fetch a cane, walker or other equipment
- ☐ Assist handler to get up from a chair or the floor
- ☐ Turn lights on and off
- ☐ Assist with the transfer from wheelchair to chair (as in restaurant)
- ☐ Reach for items from a shelf or shopping cart
- ☐ Answer a (cell) phone when it rings
- ☐ Alert others in the event of emergency
- ☐ Alert handler to hazards such as steps, curbs, potholes or other obstacles
- ☐ Fetch medications if needed
- ☐ Assist with stairs
- ☐ Assist with ambulation
- ☐ Retrieve a purse, wallet, backpack or travel bag
- ☐ Carry mail
- ☐ Carry an item to another person
- ☐ Pull or maneuver a wheelchair
- ☐ Assist with shopping cart or basket
- ☐ Push handicap or elevator buttons
- ☐ Safely maneuver handler in a parking lot
- ☐ Assist in a public restroom
- ☐ Put away an item
- ☐ Emergency body pull
- ☐ Assist with locating keys or telephone
- ☐ Fetch medication if needed
- ☐ Place items on the counter at the cash register

4. Medical Conditions such as seizure disorders, diabetes, cardiac rhythm disturbances, etc. where a person would benefit from a service dog that can:

- ☐ Alert handler to changes in medical condition, such as low blood sugar, impending seizures, or cardiac rhythm disturbances
- ☐ Fetch medication if needed
- ☐ Fetch the phone so handler can call for help
- ☐ Alert others to the need for assistance
- ☐ Reassure handler during medical crisis
- ☐ Watch over handler until help arrives
- ☐ Assist handler in sitting or lying down in cases of impending medical crisis.
- ☐ Assist handler in getting up from floor or chair after medical crisis
- ☐ Other medical alert or response tasks: please explain

5. Psychological conditions such as Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder or other psychological conditions where the person requires a service dog to:

- ☐ Provide tactile stimulation orienting handler in the present
- ☐ Emotional disruption
- ☐ Assist with the transfer from wheelchair to chair (as in restaurant)
- ☐ Provide deep pressure therapy by placing dogs body weight on handler.
- ☐ Provide space management by maintaining a bubble around handler to keep people away during a trigger allowing the handler to feel calm.
- ☐ Block and Cover (the dog stands behind or in front of the handler creating a barrier)
- ☐ Nightmare disruption
- ☐ Turn lights on and off
- ☐ Other psychological support tasks: please explain



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☐ Other mobility support tasks: please explain

