



April 30, 2019

Sisters and Brothers:

The Service Dogs Committee is writing to you to ask for your assistance in raising funds for our Eastern Star Service Dogs program. The Order of the Eastern Star advocates for qualified Service Dog programs and provides financial assistance to such organizations, aiding their efforts to serve mankind and to allow individuals to achieve independence. The Service Dogs Committee has chosen continue to support Freedom Service Dogs located in Englewood CO. Freedom Service Dogs provides service dogs to military veterans, children with autism and people with mobility disabilities to handle life tasks which enable them to regain their independence. The funds for the Service Dogs program are given by Colorado Chapters and members. Last year, we were able to give over \$8000 to Freedom Service Dogs, and we need your help in order continue to give more assistance to this worthwhile organization.

How can you be involved?

- **Fundraisers in support of Service Dogs Program.** We hope that your chapter will consider the Service Dogs Program as you make your charitable contributions. Remember that all funds collected must be run through the Grand Chapter with the Grand Chapter providing a check to the sponsored Service Dog Organization. Unfortunately, we can't count funds that don't go through our Grand Chapters.
- **Donations of items needed by Freedom Service Dogs.** A list of items needed by Freedom Service Dogs is included with this letter. These items can be dropped off at the Grand Chapter Office or with any member of the Service Dogs Committee. The items will be forwarded to Freedom Service Dogs.

Please help us to make the Service Dogs Program successful.

Fraternally,
Russell Mason, GGCCM – Service Dogs
Susan Franzen
Bill Heintzen
Kaeleen Buckingham

P.S. Watch for upcoming information about a fund-raiser being sponsored by the Service Dogs Committee in August.

Freedom Service Dog Wish List

All dogs are between 45 and 100 pounds

Bully sticks at least 6 inches in length and not braided
Canned chicken
Canned green beans
Pumpkin puree
Smooth peanut butter without Xytitol
22 inch or 24 inch collars with quick release closure
Treat and Trains device
Furniture blankets (like what you use when moving)
Slow feeders (bowls with obstacles so dog does not gulp food)
Puzzle bowls (one manufacturer is Outward Hound)
Large toys (rope toys, plush toys)
6 foot leash
Large metal crates
Pill pockets
Fish oil made for dogs
Comfy cones of shame (A particular type)
Training treats (prefer Cloud Star, Pet Botanic, Zukes, Ziwi Peak)



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