



“Giving Back the Freedom They Fought For”

Standards and Expectations for Care of Midwest Battle Buddies Service Dogs

Midwest Battle Buddies (“MBB”) is committed to the highest quality training and care for our service dog teams. Our expectations for the care and appearance of our dogs is above the normal standard and is absolutely required. MBB may at times assist to provide for veterinary care or supplies at a reduced cost or for free, but the ultimate responsibility for such care will remain with the veteran.

Requirements:

- You must have a valid client-patient relationship with a veterinarian. You will be required to have your veterinarian fill out the attached form to start the program and then again at one-year intervals including re-certification. This is required of those who bring their own dogs into the program at the start of training, and those who have a dog supplied by MBB after placement.
- Annual check-ups with your veterinarian
- Current on vaccinations- including DHPP, Rabies, Bordetella
- Year-round heart worm prevention
- Service dog must be spayed or neutered
- Service dog must be microchipped
- Acceptable body condition score- at least 3/5 as rated by your veterinarian
- Adequate nutrition-feeding appropriately (can specify commercial dog food or balanced home prepared diet that has a veterinary approval)
- Providing shelter (dry, safe environment at home) with access to water at all times
- Year- round flea and tick preventative
- Canine Influenza and Leptospirosis vaccinations yearly
- Yearly fecal exams
- Yearly heart worm testing
- Regular toe nail trimming
- Regular bathing
- Maintaining proper dental health
- Preventative Gastropexy (stomach tacking) if the service dog is prone to bloat

I have read the above Standards and Expectations for Care of MBB Service Dogs and agree to abide by and be bound by such requirements at the time I am provided a service dog in training (or from when I bring my own dog into the program) and continuing thereafter. I understand that failure to follow these requirements may result in removal of the dog from my custody.