

## Medical Form Académie MédiCanin

Your patient is in the process of obtaining a service dog and wishes to work with us, Académie MédiCanin, to professionally train their future service dog. In order to be eligible for our program, your patient must submit this medical form completed by a healthcare professional treating their condition(s).

For more information on alert and medical response service dogs, mobility service dogs, or psychiatric service dogs, please refer to the attached information document.

### Healthcare Professional Informations

Healthcare professional first and last name :	
Place of practice adress :	
License number (if applicable) :	
Email :	Phone number :

Check your professional title :

- ☐ General Practitioner (MD)      ☐ Specialist Practitioner (exemple: internist, rhumatologist, neurologist, etc.)
- ☐ Psychologist      ☐ Psychiatrist      ☐ Psychotherapist      ☐ Occupational therapist
- ☐ Physiotherapist      ☐ Audiologist (deaf/loss of hearing)      ☐ Social worker
- ☐ Other : \_\_\_\_\_



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## General information on the patient

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Last name :	First name :
Date of birth : __/__/____ dd/mm/yyyy	Weight :
	Height :
Start of medical follow-up approximate date :	

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## Medical information on the patient

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Please note that the information below will remain confidential in the individual's file. By completing our forms, the patient consents to the sharing of their personal and medical information with Académie MédiCanin.

<p>Patient's diagnostics :</p> <p><i>Medical alert and response :</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Type 1 Diabetes</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Type 2 Diabetes</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Diabetes related to another pathology</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Epilepsy</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Convulsive disorder : _____</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Myalgic Encephalomyelitis / Chronic Fatigue Syndrome</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Postural Orthostatic Tachycardia Syndrome</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Deaf/Loss of hearing/Hard of hearing</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Severe allergies : _____</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Other(s) : _____</li> </ul> <p><i>Mobility assistance:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Fibromyalgia</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Ehlers Danlos Syndrome</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Traumatic Brain Injury</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Arthritis</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Multiple Sclerosis</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Other(s) : _____</li> </ul> <p><i>Psychiatric assistance :</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Autism Spectrum Syndrome</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Generalized Anxiety Disorder</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Agoraphobia</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Panic Disorder</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Other(s) : _____</li> </ul>
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## Disabling symptoms :

- ☐ Coordination problems
- ☐ Balance problems
- ☐ Dizziness/vertigo
- ☐ Epileptic Seizures
- ☐ Non-epileptic Seizures (diabetes, ME/CFS, allergies, traumatic brain injury...)
- ☐ Moderate to severe post-exertional malaise
- ☐ Hypoglycemic attack
- ☐ Hyperglycemic attack
- ☐ Chronic pain
- ☐ Hypersomnia
- ☐ Insomnia
- ☐ Difficulty to focus
- ☐ Anxiety attack
- ☐ Panic attack
- ☐ Sensory sensibility
- ☐ Post-traumatic nightmares

☐ Other Cognitive Symptoms : \_\_\_\_\_

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☐ Other Physical Symptoms : \_\_\_\_\_

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☐ Other Psychology Symptoms : \_\_\_\_\_

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Have the symptoms been persistent for more than six (6) months?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No



<p>Does your patient use mobility aid(s)?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If yes, please precise : _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>
<p>Please join the pertinent medication list or write them here : _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>

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## Complementary Informations

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Please complete this section accurately. If this section is not completed correctly, the beneficiary's application may be refused.

<p>Do you recommend the use of a service dog for your patient to compensate for a disability (permanent or temporary)?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If you do not agree, please elaborate : _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>
<p>Is your patient capable of caring for an animal despite their limitations?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>Precisions : _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>
<p>Is your patient mentally fit to train a service dog with the help of one of our specialist trainers?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>Precisions : _____</p> <p>_____</p>



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<p>Please confirm that your patient is not opting for a service dog as a treatment of last resort :</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> My patient is requesting the use of a service dog in conjunction with a trial or functional treatment.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> My patient is requesting the use of a service dog as a last resort treatment. *</p> <p>If you checked the second box, please describe the treatments your patient participated in :</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p><small>*If you checked this box, we will still process your patient's request. However, depending on the treatments he/she has already participated in, he/she may be refused if we judge that it is not suitable as a last resort. The assistance dog is not a treatment but a help to overcome a disability.</small></p>

I certify that all the information written above is accurate and completed to the best of my knowledge. I authorize the Académie MédiCanin to contact me for more information or to confirm missing, doubtful or inaccurate information according to the patient.

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Healthcare professional signature

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Date

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## **What is a Service Dog?**

A service dog is an animal specially trained to help a person with a disability or a specific medical condition perform essential tasks for their autonomy and well-being. Unlike a pet, a service dog undergoes rigorous training tailored to the unique needs of its handler. These dogs can be trained for various tasks, such as opening doors, detecting medical crises, retrieving objects, or providing assistance in complex emotional situations. They are granted access to public places (restaurants, stores, transportation, etc.) in compliance with accessibility laws.

Service dogs can be trained from a young age or at an age suited to meet the specific needs of a person. The relationship between the dog and its handler is based on mutual trust and precise communication. In addition to improving their handler's quality of life, these dogs enhance their independence and daily safety. There are different categories of service dogs depending on specific needs, such as mobility assistance dogs, medical alert dogs, or psychological assistance dogs. These dogs perfectly illustrate the incredible potential of human-animal cooperation to overcome significant challenges.

## **Medical Alert and Response Service Dogs**

A medical alert and response service dog is trained to assist a person with a health condition that requires particular vigilance. These dogs can detect physiological changes in their handler's body, often before the individual notices symptoms themselves. For example, a dog may alert to a dangerous drop or rise in blood sugar levels for a person with diabetes, signal an impending epileptic seizure, or even intervene during a crisis by alerting others or retrieving medication.

These dogs use their exceptional sense of smell to identify specific signals of a medical issue, such as changes in hormonal or chemical levels. Once the problem is detected, they respond with a learned behavior, such as barking, pawing, or seeking help.

In addition to their critical role in preventing and managing crises, these dogs provide a sense of safety and serenity to their handler. Their presence reduces the risk of severe medical complications and enables the individual to lead a more autonomous and active life. Medical alert and response service dogs are a true pillar of support for health and quality of life.

## **Mobility Assistance Service Dogs**

A mobility assistance service dog is trained to support a person with physical limitations or a motor disability, enabling greater autonomy in daily activities. These dogs perform a variety of practical tasks, such as picking up dropped items, opening and closing doors, turning lights on or off, or even helping their handler stand by providing a stable base of support.



These dogs often wear a special harness that allows the individual to lean on them for safe movement. They are also trained to navigate public spaces while considering their handler's specific needs, such as avoiding obstacles or choosing accessible routes.

Their role extends beyond physical assistance: they also provide emotional support, boosting their handler's confidence and sense of independence. These dogs must remain calm, attentive, and able to adapt quickly to various situations. Their demanding training and dedication make them essential partners for individuals with reduced mobility, promoting greater inclusion and independence in society.

### **Psychological Assistance Service Dogs**

A psychological assistance service dog is specifically trained to help a person living with severe psychological or emotional disorders, such as post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), anxiety disorders, or chronic depression. These dogs perform targeted tasks to soothe their handler and prevent crises. For example, they may intervene by providing deep pressure therapy to calm a distressed person, signal compulsive behaviors, or guide their handler to a safe place during a panic attack.

These dogs are also capable of detecting early signs of emotional distress thanks to their sensitivity to subtle changes in their handler's behavior or scent. They respond with learned behaviors, such as interrupting self-destructive actions or encouraging their handler to stay grounded in reality.

A psychological assistance service dog plays a key role in their handler's mental stability and well-being. Beyond their direct interventions, their constant presence provides comfort and security, reducing social isolation and the symptoms of psychological disorders. These dogs are a valuable resource for improving the quality of life of individuals facing emotional challenges.

