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|  | NEADS / World Class Service Dogs  **Mailing**: PO Box 1100  **Campus**: 305 Redemption Rock Trail South  Princeton, MA 01541 |

Subject: **WRITTEN CONSENT FOR TENANT**

Dear Landlord:

Your Tenant has applied to become a volunteer Weekend Puppy Raiser or Weekend Puppy Sitter for NEADS. NEADS trains Service Dogs for people who have a disability. We are writing to request written confirmation of your consent for Tenant as a Weekend Puppy Raiser to have a Service Dog in training housed and kept at Tenant’s property weekends for up to 18 months or, as a Weekend Puppy Sitter to have a Service Dog in training housed and kept at Tenant’s property up to one weekend a month for as long as the Tenant is a part of the program.

**BACKGROUND**

Founded in 1976, NEADS is a non-profit organization that trains Service Dogs to provide independence for people who are deaf or have a disability, including veterans and children on the autism spectrum. NEADS also trains Service Dogs for partnerships with teachers, therapists, those who perform religious ministry and those who work in courthouse settings. These canine assistants are matched with teachers or therapists who work with students who have mental or physical disabilities and ministers who seek to engage with their general community. Below are some additional “Quick Facts” about our reputable organization:

* NEADS has trained over 1,800 Service Dog teams since 1976.
* NEADS is the oldest continuing Service Dogs for Hearing program in the U.S.
* NEADS was the first Service Dog organization to develop a program specifically for Iraq and Afghanistan war veterans.
* We were the first Service Dog organization invited to Walter Reed Hospital to present an in-service about how Service Dogs can help wounded veterans.
* It costs NEADS more than $45,000 to acquire, raise, train and match a Service Dog, and we take great care to ensure they are properly raised and trained.
* Our Service Dogs in training have had all vaccinations and are under continuous veterinary care. Copies of NEADS dog medical records including vaccinations are available upon Landlord’s request.
* NEADS works primarily with Labrador retrievers and poodle mixes like labradoodles and golden doodles, and we occasionally accept shelter dogs into our program. Before being accepted into the program, all dogs must pass behavioral and temperament tests. NEADS does not work with pit bulls, Rottweilers, or similar breeds.
* You can learn more about NEADS by going to our website at [www.NEADS.org](http://www.NEADS.org)

**WHAT IS A PUPPY RAISER?**

Our Puppy Raisers are volunteers who commit to raising a specific NEADS dog, weekends only, for 12-18 months.

Most of our dogs are raised in correctional facilities through our Prison PUP Program. They live with inmates in Massachusetts and Rhode Island prisons Monday through Friday,and go out on weekends with our volunteers. Volunteer Weekend Puppy Raisers take the dogs each weekend for up to 18 months to work on house manners, socialization, and training. These weekends in a home environment ensure that our dogs get the socialization they need, like visits to the grocery store, movie theaters, the mall, restaurants, and other typical household and public activities; activities that inmates are unable to provide.

Puppy Raisers are held accountable to a strict Code of Conduct and commit to following certain rules and principles in raising our valuable dogs. For instance, they must keep the dog on a leash at all times when outside the home, provide 100% supervision and a safe environment for the dog in their home, and clean up dog elimination.

**WHAT IS A WEEKEND PUPPY SITTER?**

Weekend Puppy Sitters are volunteers who commit to bringing a NEADS puppy home at least one weekend per month. They are accountable for the same conduct, rules and principles as Puppy Raisers, but may bring a different puppy home during each of their weekend commitments. Puppy sitters do not bring NEADS puppies on public outings. They must have the puppy on a leash 100% of the time, both inside the home and outside, except when the puppy goes into a crate for rest.

We greatly appreciate your consideration of this request. To provide your written consent, please complete and sign the attached Landlord Consent form. If you have any questions in this regard, please feel free to contact us.

Appreciatively,

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| Puppy Raisers  Kate Sullivan  Volunteer Manager  Voice: 978-422-9064, ext. 40  Fax: 978-422-3255  Email: [ksullivan@neads.org](mailto:ksullivan@neads.org) |  | Weekend Puppy Sitters  Bailey Sullivan  Breeding & Puppy Development Coordinator  Voice: 978-563-1286  Fax: 978-422-3255  Email: [wps@neads.org](mailto:wps@neads.org) |

**LANDLORD CONSENT**

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| Landlord Telephone |  |  |
| Landlord Address |  |  |
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| Tenant Name |  |  |
| Rental Property Address |  |  |
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I understand that my Tenant has submitted an application to become a volunteer Weekend Puppy Raiser or Sitter for NEADS and I hereby grant permission for such Tenant to have a Service Dog in training housed and kept at the rental property listed above for up to 18 months.

Once this process begins, we ask that you not revoke approval unreasonably prior to the end of the commitment period, which could disrupt the Service Dog’s training and jeopardize program completion.

Please attach this Consent to Landlord’s letterhead.

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| Landlord Signature |  |  | |
| Date |  |  |  |

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