## **Lions Paws for Support Veteran Application**

Lions Paws for Support is a project that was created in 2015 by the Mill Creek Community Lions Club. The mission of this project is to sponsor emotional support animals for veterans dealing with the effects of PTSD, by covering the cost of adoption from local shelters and rescues.

Emotional support animals can bring out feelings of love, provide companionship, help reduce stress, and encourage outdoor and social activities for their veterans.

We are very excited to provide this gift of gratitude to veterans who have given so much with their service to our country. If you are interested in receiving an emotional support animal, please fill out the following information and return via email to <a href="mailto:lionemilyhoward@gmail.com">lionemilyhoward@gmail.com</a> or text to 219-608-7531.

Name:	
Address:	
Phone Number:	
Email (if available)	
REQUIRED: DD214 or doctor's note stating PTSD/TBI  (please submit a copy with this application – you can black out any confidential information such as social security number)	
Have you ever had a dog?	
Do you live in a home/apartment currently that allows dogs?	
Do you have a fenced in yard or able to walk your dog on a leash to provide daily exercise? (this can include dog parks if you don't have a fence at your residence)	
By signing this application, you are committing to do the utmost to care for your emotional support animal. If you need assistance with food or veterinary expenses, or at any time can no longer care for or keep the animal in your residence, you will contact the Mill Creek Community Lions by email or text/call to the contact points provided above for support with the matter.	
Printed Name	
Signature	_ Date:

## **How Lions Paws for Support Works...**

- Step 1: Submit this application & your DD214 or doctor's note
- Step 2: You find a dog (or cat) at a shelter or rescue. Petfinder.com is a great way to search local availability based on miles from your home and breed, size and age of animal.
- Step 3: You have a meet & greet with the animal to ensure it seems like a good fit for you
- Step 4: Contact Lion Emily Howard at 219-608-7531 (text or leave voice message).
- Payment will be arranged to the shelter or rescue
- Step 5: You take home your new best friend  $\odot$