

## —About MORRIS—

### PRISON TRAINING COMPLETED

Morris is 20 months old. He completed his training in the Prison PUP program at JJ Moran Correction Facility in RI. Now, Morris will be headed to the NEADS campus for his final phase of training. He is a sweet, loveable, laid-back boy.

### TRAINING AT NEADS

Morris is going through this next phase of training which is at the NEADS Campus. His trainer, Michelle, will be teaching him advanced obedience cues and Service Dog task work. This includes opening doors, picking up dropped objects, retrieving objects, turning light switches on and off and pushing automatic accessible door buttons. Michelle and Morris will take field trips to a variety of locations helping to ensure that Morris is confident and comfortable to work in different settings.

Morris still has a lot of learning to do but is all part of the overall Service Dog training program that Morris needs to successfully complete.



### NAME-A-PUPPY

The Mass OES Service Dog Committee was honored to visit the NEADS facility in Princeton to present them with a check to Name-A-Puppy. This was made possible through the generosity of our members! AND ... we got to meet Morris!

— Holly Randall

## GRADUATION SCHEDULED

s Service Dog training. We are pleased to share that Morris is matched with David as a Service Dog. This week, David and Morris completed their facility-based training. During this comprehensive training, David learned how to work with his new Service Dog, under the guidance of NEADS trainers. This training takes place on the NEADS campus and in local towns/cities. Service Dog Morris will help David by performing task work such as carrying small articles in a dog backpack, retrieving objects off counters, tables, or desks, and picking up dropped objects.

David and Service Dog Morris are candidates for the fall graduation, scheduled for November 3, 2024, from 2-4pm at Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School in Fitchburg, MA.

A photo of Morris wearing his red cape was previously posted by the WGM, but we can never have too many pics of Morris! The red cape is worn by NEADS dogs that have completed their training and are matched with a client.

We are very happy for David and Service Dog Morris.

