Organizations that Work to Provide Veterans with Service Dogs

As noted in *In Pain and In Need of Help: A Directory of Resources for People with CRPS and their Caregivers*, there are more than fifty active non-profit organizations that work to provide veterans with service dogs. There are also many organizations that serve people in need of a service dog, regardless of military status, so consider also the resources provided in the section “Getting a Service Dog” in the directory.

While many of the organizations listed below are small and have only limited resources, they may still be able to help you in some way when you reach out to them. When looking at the organizations’ eligibility requirements, keep in mind that because CRPS is a neurological disorder, some organizations may consider it to be a traumatic brain injury (TBI).

4 PAWS 4 PATRIOTS
4 PAWS 4 PATRIOTS provide service dogs and training to disabled veterans at no cost to the veteran.

4 PAWS 4 PATRIOTS
27895 Diaz Road, Suite B
Temecula, CA 92590
951-565-0849
tim@4paws4patriots.org
www.4paws4patriots.org

American Humane
American Humane’s Lois Pope LIFE Center for Military Affairs has two key areas of focus: first, providing life-saving service dogs to veterans suffering from post-traumatic stress (PTS) and, second, protecting America’s hard-working military dogs and recognizing their heroic contributions to our country—both on and off of the battlefield.

American Humane
1400 16th Street NW, Suite 360
Washington, DC 20036
800-227-4645
info@americanhumane.org
www.americanhumane.org/program/military/

America’s VetDogs
The service dog programs of America’s VetDogs were created to provide enhanced mobility and renewed independence to veterans, active-duty service members, and first responders with disabilities so that they can once again live with pride and self-reliance.

America’s VetDogs
371 East Jericho Turnpike
Smithtown, NY 11787-2976
631-930-9090 or 866-VETDOGS (838-3647)
info@vetdogs.org
www.vetdogs.org
**Battle Buddy Foundation**
Battle Buddy Foundation provides at no cost highly trained psychiatric and mobility service dogs to veterans of all eras suffering from PTSD, TBI, and physical limitations.

Battle Buddy Foundation  
8859 Cincinnati-Dayton Rd.  
Suite 202  
West Chester, OH  45069

Battle Buddy Foundation  
25350 Magic Mountain Parkway, 3rd Floor  
Valencia, CA  91355  
support@tbbf.org  
www.tbbf.org

**Canine Angels**
Canine Angels rescues dogs from shelters so they can rescue our veterans from PTSD, physical ailments, loneliness, and so much more.

Canine Angels Service Dogs  
2873 Loblolly Avenue  
Little River, SC  29566  
917-575-6235  
Rick@CanineAngelsServiceDogs.org  
www.canineangelsusa.org

**Companions for Heroes**
Companions for Heroes (C4H) provides companion animals obtained from shelters and/or rescues, who might otherwise be euthanized, free of charge to active duty military personnel, military veterans, and first-responders recovering from the psychological challenges they suffered during service to our country.  C4H increases public awareness of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), traumatic brain injury (TBI) and other challenges confronting our country’s heroes and rallies support for animal welfare and the adoption of shelter and/or rescue animals.

Companions for Heroes  
620 Sea Island Road, Suite 148  
Saint Simons Island, GA  31522-1767  
800-592-1194  
information@companionsforheroes.org  
www.companionsforheroes.org

**Companions for Life**
Companions for Life is a program of DoggoneExpress that teaches veterans new skills and matches specially trained service dogs with veterans who need physical or emotional support.

DoggoneExpress  
31058 Highway 1055  
Mt. Hermon, LA  70450  
504-239-0398  
LWILLIAMBARSE@aol.com  
www.doggoneexpress.com/programs/companions.html
Freedom Dogs
Freedom Dogs offers short-term and permanent placement of specialty service dogs with troops returning from war with PTSD and physical limitations at no cost to military personnel.

Freedom Dogs
3639 Midway Drive, Suite 376
San Diego, CA 92110
619-223-6574
info@freedomdogs.org
www.freedomdogs.org

Freedom Service Dogs
Freedom Service Dogs unleashes the potential of shelter dogs by transforming them into custom-trained, life-changing assistance dogs for people in need.

Freedom Service Dogs
7193 S Dillon Court
Englewood, CO 80112
303-922-6231
info@freedomservicedogs.org
www.freedomservicedogs.org

Give Us Paws
Give Us Paws provides both subsidized and free in-home training of eligible candidates' dogs as service animals. The organization focuses on veterans suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), traumatic brain injury (TBI), and limited mobility. When possible, services are also provided to civilians determined to be disabled under the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Give Us Paws
10402 Raritan Drive
Houston, TX 77043
281-509-9309
info@giveuspaws.org
www.giveuspaws.org

Healing4Heroes
Healing4Heroes is dedicated to assisting our military service members and veterans lead healthy, productive lives. Our objective is to connect wounded service members, as well as those with post-traumatic stress disorder and traumatic brain injury, with ADA-compliant service dogs.

Healing4Heroes
PO Box 2116
Peachtree City, GA 30269
678-364-9993
information@healing4heroes.org
www.healing4heroes.org
Hero Dogs
Hero Dogs, Inc. improves the quality of life for our nation’s heroes by raising, training, and placing service dogs and other highly skilled canines, free of charge with lifetime support of the partnerships.

Hero Dogs, Inc.
PO Box 64
Brookeville, MD 20833-0064
888-570-8653
hero@hero-dogs.org
www.hero-dogs.org

K9s for Veterans
K9s for Veterans is dedicated to helping veterans suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) by providing them with service dogs.

K9s for Veterans
5430 West Roosevelt Road, Unit B
Chicago, IL 60644
773-854-1000
www.k9sferveteransnfp.org

K9s for Warriors
K9s for Warriors is dedicated to providing service canines to our warriors suffering from post-traumatic stress disability, traumatic brain injury, and/or military sexual trauma as a result of military service post-9/11.

K9s for Warriors
114 Camp K9 Road
Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32081
904-686-1956
info@k9sforwarriors.org
www.k9sforwarriors.org

K9 Navigators Assistance Dogs
K9 Navigators provides assistance dogs to active duty and retired military personnel and to first-responders (including fire, police, and emergency personnel) and their families injured while honorably serving our country.

K9 Navigators Assistance Dogs
902 Kitty Hawk Road, Suite 170 #228
Universal City, TX 78148
727-515-7379
mark@k9navigators.org
www.k9navigators.org

Next Step Service Dogs
Next Step Service Dogs’ mission is to empower positive change for veterans with invisible disabilities such as post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and traumatic brain injury (TBI) through the use of expertly trained service dogs.

Next Step Service Dogs
921 S. Andreasen Drive
Escondido, CA 92029
support@nextstepservicedogs.org
www.nextstepservicedogs.org
Northwest Battle Buddies
Northwest Battle Buddies empowers combat veterans with PTSD to regain their freedom and independence by partnering them with professionally trained and specifically matched service dogs at no charge.

Northwest Battle Buddies  
PO Box 2511  
Battle Ground, WA 98604  
360-601-9744  
northwestbattlebuddies@gmail.com  
www.northwestbattlebuddies.org

Operation Delta Dog  
Operation Delta Dog works with experienced trainers to train dogs rescued from Massachusetts shelters and breed-rescue groups to work as service dogs with local veterans suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder and traumatic brain injury. It works to ensure that dogs get the homes they need and veterans the help they deserve.

Operation Delta Dog  
PO Box 121  
Chelmsford, MA 01824  
www.operationdeltadog.org  
jingalls@operationdeltadog.org

Operation Freedom Paws  
Operation Freedom Paws empowers veterans to regain their independence, trains clients to train their own service dogs, builds human-canine service teams, and provides the support needed for clients to succeed.

Operation Freedom Paws  
777 First Street  
PMB 515  
Gilroy, CA 95020  
408-683-9010  
www.operationfreedompaws.org

Operation K9  
Operation K9 trains service dogs for military veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder, traumatic brain injury, and/or have other physical injuries sustained in combat that warrant the need for a service dog.

Operation K9  
232 Summer Glen Lane  
New Braunfels, TX 78132  
210-557-6891  
joan@operationk9.org  
www.operationk9.org
Operation Overwatch
Operation Overwatch offers a service-dog training and treatment program for veterans and first responders suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder and/or traumatic brain injury who may also need to mitigate the effects of impaired mobility. Believing in healing at both ends of the leash, the nonprofit rescues dogs from shelters across the United States and trains them to become skilled service dogs for veterans and first responders.

Operation Overwatch
756 Purple Sage Road
Bandera, Texas 78003
830-423-6434
www.operationoverwatch.org

Patriot PAWS
The mission of Patriot PAWS is to train and provide service dogs of the highest quality at no cost to disabled American veterans and others with mobile disabilities and PTSD in order to help restore their physical and emotional independence.

Patriot Paws
254 Ranch Trail
Rockwall, TX 75032
972-772-3282
office@patriotpaws.org
www.patriotpaws.org

Patriotic Service Dog Foundation
Patriotic Service Dog Foundation serves veterans by raising awareness for their needs and providing service dogs to those who may benefit from long-term mental and physical assistance. Through the efforts of Patriotic Service Dog Foundation, our wounded veterans are matched with highly trained and skilled service dogs that allow their new partners to become more independent, self-confident, and comfortable with life outside of the military.

Patriotic Service Dog Foundation
PO Box 2461
Orange, CA 92859
714-608-1077
info@patrioticservicedogfoundation.org
www.patrioticservicedogfoundation.org

Patriot Rovers
Patriot Rovers provides, at no charge, canine therapy with trained psychiatric service dogs to military veterans who suffer from PTSD and/or traumatic brain injury. Patriot Rovers is committed to acquiring, housing, nurturing, rehabilitating, vaccinating, spaying, neutering, training, and socializing dogs in order to qualify them as psychiatric service dogs.

Patriot Rovers
8001 Clinard Farms Road
High Point, NC 27265
Info@patriotrovers.org
www.patriotrovers.org
Patriot Service Dogs
Patriot Service Dogs is a 100% volunteer organization dedicated to helping the disabled military community gain a sense of independence through a partnership with a well-trained service dog.

Patriot Service Dogs
4729 Blount Avenue
Jacksonville, FL 32210
904-777-1371
info@PatriotServiceDogs.org
www.patriotservicedogs.org

Paws & Effect
Paws & Effect raises, trains, and places service dogs with children and veterans with disabilities.

Paws & Effect
PO Box 41442
Des Moines, IA 50311
515-822-5285
nicoleshumate@paws-effect.org
www.paws-effect.org

Paws Assisting VEnterans (PAVE)
Paws Assisting VEnterans (PAVE) trains service dogs for veterans with mental and/or physical disabilities and advances public knowledge of service dogs and the essential roles they play. PAVE provides service dogs and training free of charge to veterans, including equipment and supplies valued at more than $1,000.

Paws Assisting VEnterans (PAVE)
PO Box 871
Cornelius, OR 97113
info@paveusa.org
www.paveusa.org

Paws Assisting Wounded WarriorS (PAWWS)
Paws Assisting Wounded WarriorS (PAWWS) helps military veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) or traumatic brain injury (TBI) by providing each service dog free of charge and by taking care of food, veterinary care, and equipment necessary for the service dog.

Paws Assisting Wounded WarriorS (PAWWS)
9935 S. 76th Avenue
Bridgeview, IL 60455
708-369-1981
www.pawws.org

Paws for Patriots
Southeastern Guide Dogs' Paws for Patriots Program provides dogs to veterans living with post-traumatic stress disorder and other challenges such as hearing loss, seizures, and balance issues.

Paws for Patriots
4210 77th Street East
Palmetto, FL 34221
941-729-5665
www.guidedogs.org/?page=paws-for-patriots-01
Paws for Peace
The Paws for Peace program of Embrace A Vet (EAV) was initiated after recognizing the difficulties veterans in Maine with PTSD and/or TBI had in obtaining service dogs. EAV offers assistance in locating dogs and providing various levels of training, depending upon the needs of the veteran.

Embrace A Vet’s Paws for Peace
PO Box 516
Topsham, ME  04086
207-449-9149
info@embraceavet.org
www.embraceavet.org/paws-for-peace

Paws for Purple Hearts
Paws for Purple Hearts trains service dogs for those with combat-related physical disabilities.

Paws for Purple Hearts
5860 Labath Avenue, Suite A
Rohnert Park, CA  94928
707-238-5110
www.pawsforpurplehearts.org

Paws for Veterans
Paws for Veterans provides military veterans with the medical help they need while simultaneously saving the lives of dogs that would otherwise be facing euthanasia.

Paws for Veterans
63 Ocean Boulevard
Satellite Beach, FL  32937
321-425-4189
info@pawsbeachside.com
www.pawsforveterans.com

Paws 4 Liberty
Paws 4 Liberty focuses on serving post-9/11 veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) in Florida who need a service dog.

Paws 4 Liberty
8939 Palomino Drive
Lake Worth, FL  33467
561-508-2714
info@paws4liberty.org
www.paws4liberty.org

Paws of War
Paws of War trains and places rescued dogs to serve and to provide independence to military veterans who suffer the emotional effects of war, i.e., PTSD.

Paws of War
127 Smithtown Boulevard
Nesconset, NY  11767
631-406-6595
info@PawsOfWar.org
www.pawsofwar.org
Paws Up for Veterans
Paws Up for Veterans provides service dogs to veterans who have served with distinction and honor and have been diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and/or traumatic brain injury (TBI) and/or who have light mobility needs. Service dogs will be provided and trained with the veteran at no cost.

Paws Up for Veterans
PO Box 741
North Highlands, CA 95660
916-549–0573
www.pawsupforveterans.org

Pawz for Wounded Veterans
Canine Support Teams’ Pawz for Wounded Veterans program provides service and assistance dogs to those brave men and women who have sustained disabling injuries or suffer from PTSD as a result of serving in the military.

Pawz for Wounded Veterans
PO Box 891767
Temecula, CA 92589-1767
951-301-3625
www.caninesupportteams.org/paws-for-wounded-vets.html

Puppy Jake Foundation
Puppy Jake Foundation is dedicated to helping military veterans through the assistance of well bred, socialized and professionally trained service dogs.

Puppy Jake Foundation
PO Box 12115
Des Moines, IA 50312
515-777-2837 or 515-419-1858
info@puppyjakefoundation.org

Retrieving Freedom
Retrieving Freedom provides service dogs to veterans with disabilities related to combat and non-combat service. RFI trains service dogs to help with any service-connected disability including post-traumatic stress.

Retrieving Freedom
1152 230th Street
Waverly, IA 50677
319-505-5949

Retrieving Freedom
PO Box 1305
Olive Branch, MS 38654
662-209-2799
www.retrievingfreedom.org
Seal Dog Foundation
Seal Dog Foundation serves wounded service members and their families with therapy and service dogs. SDF helps to place trained service dogs with military veterans who have combat-related injuries such as PTSD and TBI and helps to provide training to help veterans teach their dog to become their service animal.

Seal Dog Foundation
4540 Banyon Lane
Dallas, TX 75287
sealdogfoundation@gmail.com
www.sealdogfoundation.com

Semper Fido
The mission of Semper Fido is to unite wounded warriors suffering from PTSD with a service dog which had earlier been rescued from a shelter and trained.

Semper Fido
131 Kenilworth Road
Marlton, NJ 08053
856-810-3923
info@semperfido.org
www.semperfido.org

Semper K9
Semper K9’s mission is to enhance the quality of life for wounded, critically ill, and injured members of the U.S. Armed Forces and their families by providing them service dogs for psychiatric alert and mobility challenges free of charge.

Semper K9
14867 Prestige Drive
Woodbridge, VA 22193
571-494-5144
www.semperk9.org

Shelter to Soldier
Shelter to Soldier adopts dogs from local shelters and trains them to become psychiatric service dogs for post-9/11 combat veterans suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), traumatic brain injury (TBI), and/or other psychological injuries associated with traumatic service experiences.

Shelter to Soldier
2665 Fourth Ave
San Diego, CA 92103
855-287-8659
www.sheltertosoldier.org

Shepherds for Lost Sheep
Shepherds for Lost Sheep trains service dogs that will enhance the lives of veterans and mitigate the wounds of war, whether it is PTSD, traumatic brain injury (TBI), or mobility problems.

Shepherds for Lost Sheep
PO Box 202
Vanderpool, TX 78885
888-234-2319
VeteransLiaison.SFLS@outlook.com
www.shepherdsforlostsheepinc.org
Silver Paw Ranch
Silver Paw Ranch is dedicated to the research, therapy, and placement of K-9 battle buddies as an alternative to medication for wounded warrior veterans with PTSD and other medical needs.

Silver Paw Ranch
3625 Magnolia Ln
San Andreas, CA 95249
209-754-9458
www.silverpawranch.com

Smoky Mountain Service Dogs
Smoky Mountain Service Dogs works to enhance the physical and psychological quality of life for wounded veterans by providing custom trained mobility-assistance service dogs at no cost to the veteran.

Smoky Mountain Service Dogs
110 Tooweka Circle
Loudon, TN 37774
suzy.k@charter.net
www.smokymountainservicedogs.org

Soldier Dogs for Independence
Soldier Dogs for Independence helps local veterans who live with physical and/or mental injuries; it offers hand-picked dogs from local shelters that are available for trial and adoption. Veterans may also, with approval, enroll in the 24-week training program with their own dog.

Soldier Dogs for Independence
PO Box 6895
Evansville, IN 47719
812-550-5115
www.soldierdogs.org

Soldier’s Best Friend
Soldier’s Best Friend provides military veterans living with combat-related post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) or traumatic brain injury (TBI) with service or therapeutic companion dogs, most of which are rescued from local shelters.

14505 North 75th Avenue
Peoria, AZ 85381
623-218-6486
www.soldiersbestfriend.org

Stiggy’s Dogs
Stiggy’s Dogs provides military veterans living with post-traumatic stress disorder and traumatic brain injury another method of healing through service and companion dogs.

Stiggy’s Dogs
PO Box 830
Hamburg, MI 48139
248-667-8364
info@stiggysdogs.org
www.stiggysdogs.org
TADSAW (Train A Dog, Save A Warrior) provides for the training of a medical-alert service dog for any wounded veteran service member surviving with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), military sexual trauma (MST), and/or traumatic brain injury (TBI) in order to restore and improve the veteran’s quality of life with a canine “battle buddy” at no charge to the veteran or the family.

TADSAW
13423 Blanco Road, Suite 218
San Antonio, TX 78216
210-643-2901
bart@tadsaw.org
www.tadsaw.org

Tender Loving Canines Assistance Dogs (TLCAD)
TLCAD’s At Ease program is designed to help heal our nation’s heroes by providing service dogs to wounded service members and veterans, as well as to facilities providing services to wounded warriors.

Tender Loving Canines Assistance Dogs (TLCAD)
PO Box 1244
Solana Beach, CA 92075
858-461-6827
info@tlcad.org
www.tenderlovingcanines.org/wounded-warrior-service-dogs/

Sam Simon Foundation
The Sam Simon Foundation provides service dogs trained for veterans diagnosed with PTSD as a result of serving in the Iraq/Afghanistan conflicts and possibly for veterans who need assistance with hearing loss or who have TBI (traumatic brain injury) or moderate physical limitations due to injury.

Sam Simon Foundation
30765 Pacific Coast Highway, Suite 113
Malibu, CA 90265
310-457-5898
info@samsimonfoundation.org
www.samsimonfoundation.com/service-dogs.html

This Able Veteran
This Able Veteran is a service-dog organization benefitting military veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

This Able Veteran
1714 South Wolf Creek Road
Carbondale, IL 62902
618-964-1162
servicedog@thisableveteran.org
www.thisableveteran.org
Veterans Moving Forward
Veterans Moving Forward raises and provides service dogs for veterans, with physical and/or mental health challenges, at no cost to the veteran.

Veterans Moving Forward
44225 Mercure Circle, Suite 130
Dulles, VA 20166
866-375-1209
www.vetsfwd.org

Vets to Vets United, Inc. (Veterinarians to Veterans United)
Vets to Vets United, Inc. (Veterinarians to Veterans United) pairs veterans suffering from depression, PTSD, and other disabling conditions with companion/therapeutic/service dogs from a local animal shelter at no cost to the veteran. Vets to Vets United also matches the veteran with local veterinarians for veterinary care at a significantly reduced cost for the life of the animal.

Vets to Vets United, Inc.
732 Ninth Street, Suite 595
Durham, NC 27705
919-683-1360
tmorris@vetstovetsunited.org
www.vetstovetsunited.org

Wags 4 Warriors
Wags 4 Warriors works with local rescue organizations to match veterans who have service-connected disabilities with an appropriate dog; the organization provide all of the training and support for the dog to become the veteran’s service dog at no cost to the veteran.

Wags 4 Warriors
PO Box 41191
Brecksville, OH 44141
330-285-3941
Wags4Warriors@aol.com
www.wags4warriors.org

War Dogs Making It Home
War Dogs helps veterans better manage the invisible and lifelong challenges of post-traumatic stress disorder and brain injury by pairing them with dogs they help rescue and train to be their service dogs.

War Dogs Making It Home
2149 West Belmont
Chicago, IL 60618
773-914-1711
www.wardogsmakingithome.org
Warrior Canine Connection
Warrior Canine Connection helps wounded warriors to train their service dog in order to reconnect with their families and communities. Its founder has been a part of the first warrior-dog-training program to help treat the symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder and traumatic brain injury in Palo Alto, California and at Walter Reed Army Medical Center’s Warrior Transition Brigade in Washington, DC.

Warrior Canine Connection
14934 Schaeffer Road
Boyds, MD 20841
301-260-1111
info@warriorcanineconnection.org
www.warriorcanineconnection.org

Working Dogs for Vets
Working Dogs for Vets provides service dogs and training to veterans in need; it was the first service-dog organization in the state of Tennessee to have a veteran/service-dog team stay in a long-term treatment center.

Working Dogs for Vets
2781 Hwy 43 North
Lawrenceburg, TN 38464
84-DOGS-HELP (843-647-4357)
workingdogsforvets@gmail.com
www.workingdogsforvets.org