

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@freedom servicedogs.org

www.freedom servicedogs.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.k9sforsoldiersnfp.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 Veterans (PAVE)

Paws Assisting Veterans (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 Veterans (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.shelertosoldier.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

Sierra Delta

EMPOWERING EVERY VETERAN: Sierra Delta's mission is to empower every Veteran, disabled and non-disabled, with access to approved dog training that provides purpose, innovation, and community through the love of dogs

Sierra Delta

811 E. Washington Avenue Suite 400

Madison, WI 53703

1-877-VETNDOG (1.877.838.6364)

info@sierradelta.com

<https://sierradelta.com/>

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 4771

9 812-550-5115

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)

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

Boys, 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 (843-647-357)

workingdogsforvets@gmail.com

www.workingdogsforvets.org