

Summer 2014

Working Dogs For Vets

No Veteran Left Behind!



Working Dogs For Vets Update: *working Dogs development!*

Hilda-Guard and Soldier training

(Shepherds need a lot of exercise!)

Working Dogs For Vets is growing rapidly. We continue to serve our veterans and rescue dogs from shelters.

Working Dogs For Vets No Veteran Left Behind Program



Kenneth Knabenshue pictured left, with BF-Max a service dog in training, has been training service dogs for over thirty years. He was born in Fort Campbell KY, from a military family, has trained dogs prior to enlisting in the military. It was not long after being discharged that he was in an automobile accident where he had suffered multiple injuries. Kenneth was told that it would be a long road to recovery and that he would possibly never be 100%. Ken was recommended by his doctor to get a service dog to help him with his daily tasks. It was going to be a long road to recovery and he was faced with the fact that he would not be able to live alone. Ken would either have to live with family or have a service dog that would help him to live an independent life. After contacting many service dog organizations, dog handlers and trainers. Ken was told that the price ranged

anywhere from \$12,000.00-\$35,000.00. After meeting with some of the dogs and their trainers, he realized that some of the dogs they were offering him were not much better than the dogs that he had at home. He knew that his personal dogs would have to learn additional tasks, at that point he just was not sure how to train them to do it. So he started to order books and contacting trainers who specialized in service dogs. Kenneth gained as much knowledge as he could. He found a group called the Delta Society who was very helpful along with a couple of other groups. He used all the knowledge that he gained to successfully train his own service dog. Once Ken and his service dog were out in public and he was up and around better, he decided to continue his education by doing an apprenticeship in California.

Ken then returned home, started to train service dogs to help others. Kenneth primarily trained service dogs for veterans. He realized how much these dogs greatly improved their life. He had a couple of veterans on a waiting list. He began to help them to train their own service dog. Since they were out of state this had to be done by email, phone, video chat and things of that nature. As they began to train their dogs, other veterans began contacting Ken also to receive his help. It just kind of snowballed from there. Ken realized that 80-90% of the veterans who were waiting for him to train service dogs in house could be training on their own. So with a little bit of skepticism Kenneth was wondering how this was going to work out for the veterans, if it would be too much stress. However, success stories witnessed as they were in-training simply amazing! Kenneth would have to say it was a 99% success rate. This is when Kenneth decided to launch the No Veteran Left Behind Program through Working Dogs For Vets. This gives the opportunity to any veteran who is physically and mentally capable of participating in training their own service dog with support in the No veteran left behind program.. We now have volunteers and veterans training throughout the United States.



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Congratulations!

Working Dogs For Vets Recent Graduates trained in house!

Lisa photographed below was trained in house at W.D.F.V. facility by Kenneth Knabenshue for approximately a year ½ before being placed with her teammate.



Team Brady/Lisa TN
Lisa#1379001575

No Veteran Left Behind Recent Graduates!



Team: Oliver/Bella-TN
Bella (Luna) #1384812362



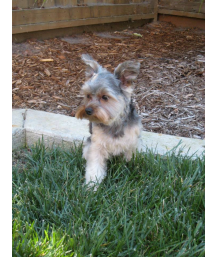
Team: Terri-Tibo-LA
Tibo #1388287521



Team: Terri- Bruno -LA
Bruno #1385143077



Team: Susan/Jethro TN
Jethro #1408657904



Team: Jessica/Itsy-CA
Itsy #1378850003

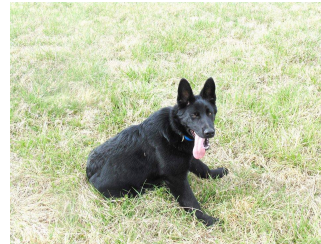
Meet Our Dogs!

BF-Max
BF-Max 1384809047



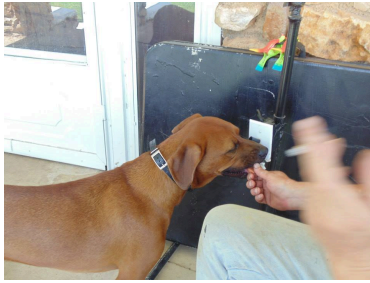
Training in house!
BF-Max Service dog in training

Soldier
Soldier #1392600841



Team: Andrew/Soldier South Dakota!
trained in house for a few months!
Service Dog In Training

Jasper
Jasper # 1397596824



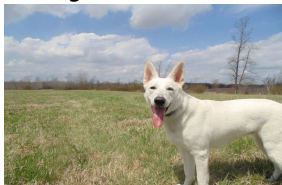
Is training in house for Kathy

Rosie
Rosie#1403052191



team: Larry/Billie Rosie
West Virginia

Sarang Ye
Sarang Ye #1384190394



Team: Esther/Sarang Ye- TN are doing very well with their training! Sarang Ye is learning basic obedience, with the No Veteran Left Behind Program. Keep up the good work Esther and Sarang Ye!

Max
Max# 1407781850



Team: Michelle/Max in MI

Hero
Hero#1397769457



Team Kristen/Hero- TN Welcomed into the No Veteran Left Behind Program!
Hero stayed with us in house worked on learning basic obedience! Has went home with Kris for a bit but will return one day soon to continue in her training.

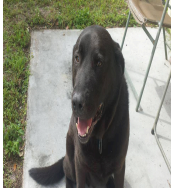
Nick
Nick#1392765299



Team Meghan/Nick-FL No Veteran Left Behind Nick passed basic/advanced obedience, Is a service dog in training! We are very proud of you both. Keep up the good work!

Boomer

Boomer #1384804825



Team Sgt. Shawn/Boomer-FL No Veteran Left Behind! Doing well we must say! I foresee some fishing trips in the near future! Boomer is a good boy has visited our facility. He is doing well with his basic obedience training! Keep up the good work guys!

Hazel

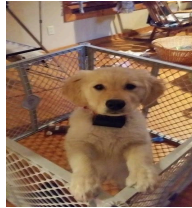
Hazel #1391988415



Hazel has been placed in a new home in Alabama. As her veteran team mate has returned to work.

Heaven

Heaven # 1397599494



Team: MarciEllen/Heaven-TN
No Veteran Left Behind!
Heaven is a service dog in training

Sandy Bear

Sandy Bear #1397064986



Team: Brenda/Sandy Bear-FL
No Veteran Left Behind!
Sandi Bear has completed basic/advanced obedience, public access, and is a service dog in training! I love the progress this team is making! Were proud of you both! Keep up the fantastic work!

Buddy

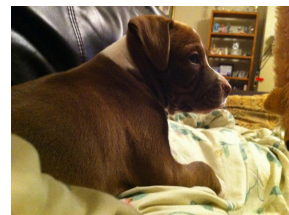
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Team Richard/Buddy-NH
No Veteran Left Behind
Working on basic obedience

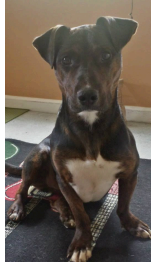
Dozer

#1397064403



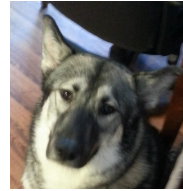
Team Jeremy/Dozer-LA
No Veteran Left Behind
Working on basic obedience in the puppy phase right now but born to do big things!

Marley
#1397597460



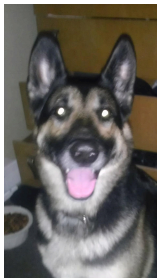
Team Morgan/Marley
No Veteran Left Behind! KY
Marley is a service dog in training

Zizee
#1397771223



Team Sara/Zizee
No Veteran Left Behind! KY

Chloe
#1378257436



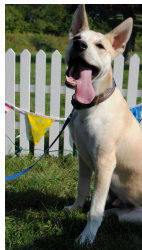
Team Douglas/Chloe
No Veteran Left Behind! OH
Chloe is a service dog in training

Jasper
#1397596824



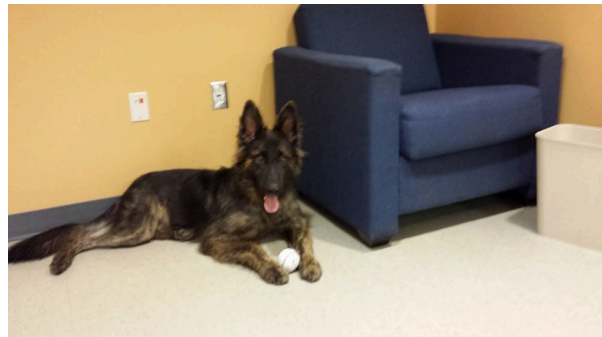
Team Kathy/Jasper
Jasper is training in house at W.D.F.V. facility!
Jasper is a service dog in training

Lewis
#1398775553



Team Brandon/Lewis
No Veteran Left Behind! MI

Fenrir
1407782511



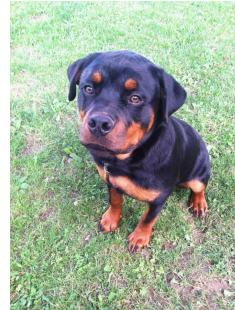
Team Erik/Fenrir in GA
Fenrir is a service dog in training

Brandy
1407783544



Team: Sean/Brandy in FL

Bullet
1407782997



Team: Eric/Bullet in Indiana

Mia
#14077348253



Team: James/Mia TN
Mia is a service dog in training

Hilda-Guard
#1402883012



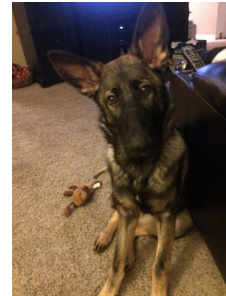
Training in house!
Hilda is a service dog in training

Catlin
#1409411977



Team: Terry/Catlin LA
Catlin is a service dog in training

Zofie
#1409414042



Team: Scott/Zofie MS

Hugh

#1409859932



Team: Jenny/Hugh in MD

Anubus

#1409942526



Team: Shawn/Anubus in TN
Anubus is a service dog in training

Meatball

#14099431352



Team Annelea/Meatball in TN
Meatball is a service dog in training

Trooper

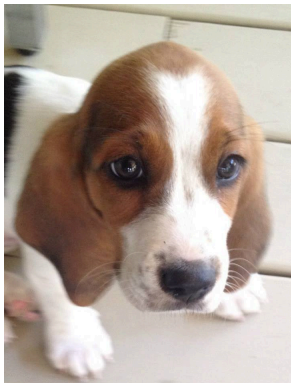
#1413808601



Team: James/Trooper TN

Abbie

#1392765299



Team: Justin/Abbie TN

Triton

#1407784779



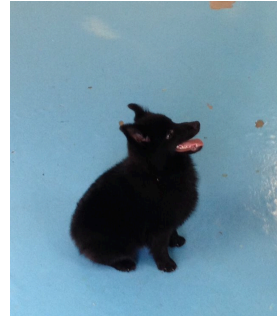
Team: Seth/Triton

Zeus
#1410543970



Team: Skylar/Zeus TN
Zeus is a service dog in training

Andy
#



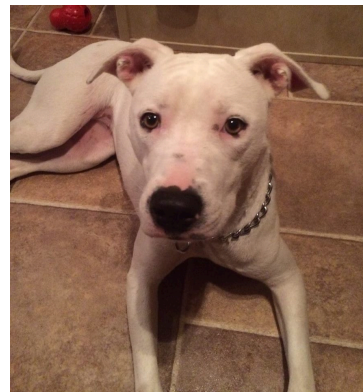
Team: Jeff/Andy

Moses
#1407890663



Team: Billie/Moses NJ
Moses is a service dog in training

Team Linda/Pickles in AL
#1411073993



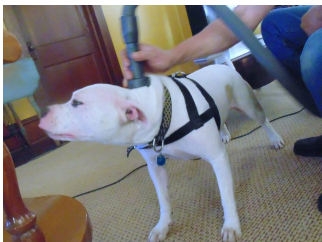
Pickles is a service dog in training

Amber Update!

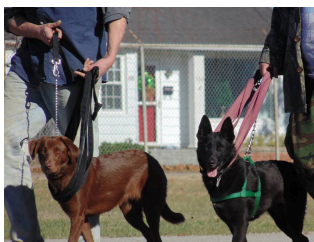


Amber on left is back in house for more training! Amber is a service Dog in Training

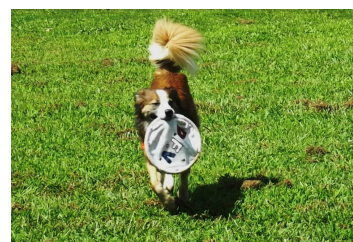
To be a Working Dogs For Vets Service Dog...



One must be well groomed!
(BF-Max)



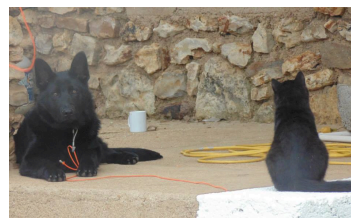
You have to socialize and train hard!
(Lisa and (Bella) Luna)



Exercise is so important!
Exercise, Discipline, Affection (Milo)



A healthy dog is a happy dog! We must go to the vet get spayed/neutered have yearly shots and exams! (Amber)



Stay focused on our trainer/handler no matter what is going on around us! (Soldier)



We must wear our Id. badges as working dogs while out in public on our best behavior! (Marley/Max)

But wait...there's much more! We get to go everywhere with our veteran teammate. We learn to help them with tasks and they need us as much as we need them! We are not pets! We are more important because with us watching your back we become as one team! We are a beautiful team determined to look out for each other! But when we are not working, we can take off our vest relax and enjoy being a dog!

A Message from our board (The Pack Discussion Board)

2013-2014 Pack Discussion Board agrees we are all honored to serve the Veterans along with outstanding dogs enrolled in our program. The Pack is to continue to assist our members through volunteers and look to expanded influence and visibility in the community at-large. A wide range of functions and events we are looking to design to help members make personal and informed connections with others in the business community.

We look forward to monthly meetings maintain our awareness and involvement with the strong military presence in each state. Each event is designed to help businesses reach a wider audience.

Remember that we are seeking new pack members to take an active role in Working Dogs For Vets No Veteran Left behind Program to raise visibility in the business community. We are actively seeking volunteers, sponsors, raising funds to help better provide for our veteran/dog teams.

Working together we can make a positive difference in our communities across the United States!.

Founder: Kenneth Knabenshue,

Board Members: Erik Hall, Nina Curt, Susan Curt, Laura Mckee, Nancy Eldridge Stokes, Shurray Veach, Ken Danter, Brent Beavers,

Supporters Spotlight!

Working Dogs For Vets is made up of dedicated groups of people who truly love veteran's and dogs, and it is their desire to help all the veteran/service dog teams in training both who reside at W.D.F.V. foundations, in addition to those enrolled in the No Veteran Left Behind Program.

In The Spotlight!

Erik Hall for constructing the website, and raising funds

Recon Sportswear In Fort Benning, GA

For their donation of 30 t-shirts and 10 hoodies

Teresa, Sofie, Frank and Linda, Laura, & Wanda

Nancy Eldridge Stokes

Supporters Spotlight

Helen Surprenant for sponsoring Luna Bella, Hilda-Guard, & Amber.

Heather Olmstead: In loving memory of her father **Andrew Olmstead**. Her father was a Vietnam veteran. He was awarded the Purple Heart . Sadly her father passed away on August 20, 2007. His birthday is August 21. Heather made a \$25.00 donation to Working Dogs For Vets in his honor. He loved dogs and would be happy to support this organization.

Heartfelt thank you to...

To everyone who contributed their time and/or support

Emily Aragon Renteria: For helping with Team: Skylar/ Zeus's Vet Bill

To the local and surrounding communities of Lawrenceburg TN for your donations to
Working Dogs For Vets!

To everyone who has donated to the No Veteran Left Behind Program!

To the local businesses who allowed us to have fundraisers!

Tractor Supply of Lawrenceburg TN

Walmart of Lawrenceburg TN

To Newspaper Offices: Daily Herald, Democrat Union, And The Advocate

And Radio Stations WDXE Radio, And WLX of Lawrenceburg TN

Volunteers: Sofie Potter Cat of NYC Teens NY, Christine Stephan NY, Nancy Eldridge
Stokes of K9 Academy LA, Terri and Sabine Oltmann LA, Colin Mckee TN, Laura Mckee
TN, Ken Danter TN, Skylar Lopp TN, Chelsea Lopp TN, Teresa Pontrelli Fitzsimmons of
AR, Kenneth Knabenshue, Brenda Knabenshue. Erik Hall

Room to Run Update!

ROOM TO RUN PROGRAM:

More about the room to run for Working Dogs For Vets Campaign:
Your donation to the Room To Run for dogs campaign helps to ensure that we are able to maintain this magnificent dog training area at the Working Dogs For Vets Facility. It gives Veterans and Service dogs in training, an area for the dogs to run safe and freely, and to provide the best quality of life for the dogs in house during their stay here for their service dog training.

The Room to Run for Dogs Campaign is a request for your support- Not to purchase Land, but instead care for it to ensure that our veterans and the dogs have the safety and freedom to train their dogs safely at the W.D.F.V. facility. Agility course in in the making!



If you choose to you can make a donation "IN HONOR OF" or "IN MEMORY OF".

Please state who would like to honor: _____

Please state who you would like memory of: _____

Add to the W.D.F.V. Newsletter? Yes/No

One of our goals is to fill the outdoor play yard with gravel for the dogs will cost approximately \$400.00

Ways you can help

Memberships:

Become a member and make a donation to help Working Dogs for Vets across the United States.

Gift amount: \$ _____

More about memberships

I would like to become a "Friend" of a dog at W.D.F.V. or renew membership.

When you become a friend of a dog at W.D.F.V. you will receive our newsletters for one year. And, of course, the great feeling of knowing that you are truly giving the gift of life to someone in need. With just a \$40.00 donation, you can provide care, feeding, and other needs for one of the dogs! A \$150.00 gift can support the No Veteran Left Behind Distance Training programs, or a \$500.00 donation can bring much needed medical equipment to our disabled veterans in need. All gifts have an impact!

W.D.F.V. Backer (Student/Senior/Facebook Family \$10.00)

W.D.F.V. Helper (\$40.00)

W.D.F.V. Friend (\$50.00)

W.D.F.V. Advocate (\$150.00)

W.D.F.V. Enthusiast (\$500.00)

W.D.F.V. Champ (\$1,000.00)

add to the wdfv newsletter? Yes/No

Care for a Day

You can donate any amount to the care for a day program. \$5.00 will care for a dog for one day. Select the dog of your choice and enter the amount below.

Dogs Name _____ # _____

Comments: _____

Gift amount: \$ _____

add to the wdfv newsletter? Yes/No

More about care for a day this gift is a great way to educate friends and family about everyones role in helping a shelter dog in need.

For donations of \$30.00 or more you will receive: a biography of the (S) chosen which includes a 4X6 photo, certificate, a subscription to wdfv newsletter for one yr.

Service dogs help with many disabilities P.T.S.D. mobility support and much more.

You can choose to care for a day, for all 7 of the dogs in house for one day \$35.00

Adopt a dog program:

If you want to adopt more than one dog please choose one at a time and then add to the W.D.F.V. Newsletter

Select a dog: _____

Gift amount; \$ _____

add to wdfv newsletter Yes/No

More about the adopt a dog program: You can make a donation to wdfv and "adopt" one of the dogs currently training at the facility! Adoption levels begin at \$10 level and you will receive:

- A certificate of "Adoption"
- A printed photo of your "adopted" dog with a full biography telling their amazing story.
- A subscription to the wdfv electronic news update with your submission of your e-mail address.

With a \$50. 00 donation you will receive:

- A certificate of Adoption
- a printed photo of your 'adopted" dog with a full biography telling their amazing story..
- A membership for one year and subscription to the wdfv newsletter,

Your adoption of a dog means not only a second chance for these dogs, but also their first taste of life as a member of a family. Thank you for joining our efforts to give them this gift of freedom, companionship, and health.

Sustaining facility for the future of the veterans and service dogs.

With the veteran/dog teams across the United States, wdfv in Tennessee is learning to adapt to our rapid growth across the United States. Our highest priority is to our veterans and to address each veteran's disability, individuals needs, and to guarantee a safe and healthy environment for their service dog's lifetime. Our ongoing challenge is finding the necessary resources to provide for their well-being.

W.D.F.V. has taken significant steps to reduce costs and maximize our impact while providing the highest level of care for our veterans and their service dogs.

We need your help to take the next steps!

Non-monetary wish list items:

LG Wire dog crates, Blankets, towels, Pet Shampoo, conditioner, pet meds, Dog food, Service dog vests, Dog chew toys, leashes, harnesses, Computer, Ink for printer, food and water bowls,

We are facing a need for Laptops/Desktops for our projects, People who want to support us can donate their used Laptop /Desktop for noble cause towards Working Dogs for vets and are highly welcome.

The Laptops and Computers would be used by our staff, trainees, interns, volunteers to execute the environmental activities relating to projects, We are looking forward for your helping response to this regard. Kindly help us by donating or recommending to any of your friends. Donations may be sent to: Working Dogs For Vets, 2781 Hwy 43 N., Lawrenceburg TN 38464

We are on Facebook! <https://www.facebook.com/WorkingDogsForVets>

Upcoming Events

Online fundraising visit: <http://www.gofundme.com/workingdogsforvets>