



## VETERANS MAY NEED A DOG YOU HAVE

Join us at Working Dogs For Vets  
2781 Hwy 43 North, Lawrenceburg TN 38464  
Dog Evaluations from 10:00-2:00  
Adoptable dogs and matching from 2:00-3:00

Register here:

<https://www.workingdogsforvets.org/event-2018>

Does your dog have what it takes?

Hundreds of Veterans have applied to WDFV program to help them train their own service dog. WDFV will help Veterans with service dog training. They will be paired with local professionals to help them to train the dogs from foster programs throughout the United States.

If chosen the dogs you have now at home, shelter, or kennels will be trained as service dogs! Please understand these animals are the lucky ones. If chosen, they will be with a Veteran 24 hours a day, seven days a week for the life of the dog. Once they graduate as a service dog, They will be protected by the Americans with Disabilities Act. & Federal Laws. Once training begins dogs become a part of our family and the Veteran's life's. Once they are ready each dog accompanies the Veteran 24/7, wherever he/she goes/ whatever he/she does they are together for life. WDFV will support and follow each TEAM for life!

The Teams are cleared through the Veterans Administration Doctor who has given a diagnosis for Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, PTSD, or other disability. Providing the added security of a doctor's opinion that they will be able to participate in the training of their own service dog.

Outgoing, intelligent breeds are welcome at try out. Size is considered on a case by case basis. Dogs must be: Between 6 months and 2 years of age, healthy, spayed/neutered, up to date on shots, groomed well without problem, with good eyesight, unimpaired hearing, healthy extremities.

TEAMS train at the age 6 months to 2 years. The life of the dog veterans should have at least 8 to 10 years to work as a TEAM. so they have a service dog for at least 8-10 years.

Basic obedience is the first objective for the TEAM. Throughout training tasks are added to help the dog become a service dog. All the while we keep the dog interested by providing positive reinforcements. Dogs may be trained to turn lights on/off, alert the Veteran if someone comes from behind, called "blocking" ,or to advance past the Veteran as they walk in a crowd to act as a break, called "point," To turn on lights, and the break in the dream is just long enough to re establish the Veteran into reality. Or other tasks as necessary to help with veterans disability(s).

We look into the lifestyle of each TEAM to make sure that the dog is being placed into the right setting. This is addressed throughout the life of the TEAM.

Each TEAM is given a chance to bond. This is normally a 2 to 3 day time frame. A qualified volunteer from W.D.F.V. will assess and evaluate to make certain the team is advancing in that bond. In the rare case the dog does not have what it takes to be a Service Dog after 3 or 4 months of training, they may still be able to be an Emotional Support animal. WDFV may contact you so that we make certain these dogs who are not service dog oriented, who have basic obedience and calm presence, are placed into homes. NOT SHELTERS!

Rest assured you are helping to provide the TEAM with a lifeline that will produce a positive outcome for you, the dog, the Veteran, and for our continued outreach to those who have given so much for our freedom here at home. Your reward is the success of each TEAM!

More information:

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