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Petco Foundation Invests in Working Dogs For Vets Life-Changing Work Supporting

Disabled Veterans and Working/Service Dogs Alike

Grant of \$5,000 will extend efforts to help dogs and veterans in Nashville community live their best lives, "saving lives on both ends of each leash".

Lawrenceburg, Feb, 25th 2017 – Working Dogs For Vets, located in Lawrenceburg TN, today announced it has been awarded a \$5,000 grant investment from the Petco Foundation to support adoption placement and training expenses of service dogs with disabled veterans across the U.S. through Working Dogs For Vets Programs.

Working Dogs For Vets is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to provide service dogs and training to veterans in need, empowering them as they return to civilian life with a new found independence and reducing the overcrowding in animal shelters. Serving communities across the U.S. since 2012, Working Dogs For Vets is the 1st service dog provider in the state of Tennessee that had veteran service dog teams stay in VA long-term treatment centers in various states. Working Dogs For Vets has service dogs/working dogs that have been accepted at military bases currently serving alongside active military veterans. To date Working Dogs For Vets has helped to train over 300 service dogs for veterans.

This grant was made possible through the Petco Foundation's annual Helping Heroes fundraising campaign, in partnership with Natural Balance Pet Foods. Each October during the campaign, customers are invited to donate online and in Petco stores across the country to support the life-changing work of service, therapy and working animals.

The Petco Foundation investment will benefit the communities served by the organization by providing veterans with adopted dogs, service dog training equipment, volunteer support and training information. As we are 100% volunteer based, this investment will be program direct.

"It is a pleasure to receive this award and to be recognized for the work we are doing," said Founder Kenneth Knabenshue. "The grant is important to the veterans who are able to get the support they need during training and the Petco Foundation's support means more dogs will find forever homes as veterans will have a high quality service animals at their side."

For more information about Working Dogs For Vets or the Petco Foundation, visit www.workingdogsforvets.org or www.petcofoundation.org. Join the conversation on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) or by using the hashtag #HelpingHeroes.

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About Working Dogs For Vets Working Dogs For Vets National headquarters founded in Lawrenceburg, TN has developed the leading service dog industry's mass platform to simplify solutions for the service dog process. Working Dogs for Vets is lowering wait times, decreasing the cost as by as much as 95%, Reducing veteran suicides, and overpopulation among shelters. Working Dogs For Vets utilizes National networks of volunteers in communities across the U.S. local to veterans to help with shelter adoptions, pairing and training teams of service dogs and veterans alike. Your support Saves lives on both ends of each leash!

About the Petco Foundation At the Petco Foundation, we believe that every animal deserves to live it's best life. Since 1999, we've invested more than \$175 million in lifesaving animal welfare work to make that happen. With our more than 4,000 animal welfare partners, we inspire and empower communities to make a difference by investing in adoption and medical care programs, spay and neuter services, pet cancer research, service and therapy animals, and numerous other lifesaving initiatives. Through our Think Adoption First program, we partner with Petco stores and animal welfare organizations across the country to increase pet adoptions. So far, we've helped more than 5 million pets find their new loving families, and we're just getting started. Visit petcofoundation.org to learn more about how you can get involved.