



K9S FOR WARRIORS

GIVE A NEW LEASH ON LIFE TO RESCUE DOGS AND MILITARY HEROES

K9s For Warriors is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit.

K9s For Warriors is dedicated to providing service canines to warriors suffering from Post-traumatic Stress Disability, traumatic brain injury and/or military sexual trauma as a result of military service post 9/11.

- Founded was in 2011 by Shari Duval.
- 95% of the dogs in the program come from rescue shelters or are owner surrendered.

Why is it needed?

- 20% of post 9/11 war veterans - 500,000 men and women suffer from PTSD.
- 22 veterans a day commit suicide from PTSD.
- The average warrior is on 10-15 medications when he begins the program. 92% will eliminate or reduce prescription medications after they graduate from K9s For Warriors.
- There are over 3 million dogs that are euthanized in rescue shelters every year, many are wonderful dogs that can be trained to be service dogs for deserving veterans

What is PTSD?

- Hyper-vigilance
- Insomnia
- Isolation
- Panic Attacks
- Depression

What is the program?

- A three week in-house recovery program. K9s For Warriors provides a trained service K9, housing, most meals, equipment, veterinary care, 120 hours of training with their new service K9 and a family type atmosphere that provides essential peer-to-peer support during the three week stay.
- We have a small, dedicated staff and over 500 volunteers who give of their time & talents.
- We welcome donors to come visit and take a tour of the Dog House when warriors are not in session (for privacy reasons) and see where your dollars are going.

Our Success

- As of August 1, 2015, 177 Warrior-Canine Teams have graduated with 100% success rate in suicide prevention.

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- PEOPLE Magazine
- Fox News
- CNN
- NBC's TODAY
- Food Network's CHOPPED
- Fox News Business Edition
- First Coast News Telethon
- Week-long Grand Opening Coverage
- Army Times