# 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 <u>support@tbbf.org</u> <u>www.tbbf.org</u>

#### **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@freedomservicedogs.org www.freedomservicedogs.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.k9sforveteransnfp.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 breedrescue 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.sheltertosoldier.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 <u>VeteransLiaison.SFLS@outlook.com</u> www.shepherdsforlostsheepinc.org

#### 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 47719 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
Boyds, 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 (843-647-4357) workingdogsforvets@gmail.com www.workingdogsforvets.org