

### To Apply for a Service Dog, Visit:

www.pawsforlifek9.org and print out an application. Then submit the application to Paws For Life K9 Rescue via email.

Select applicants will be chosen by trained personnel who will match individuals with the Service Dog best suited for their lifestyle, personality and needs.

Applicants chosen as service dog recipients must attend a 5-day intensive training camp to learn how to navigate their new dog. The training programs are located inside a correctional facility with incarcerated trainers. These highly skilled trainers will work closely with applicants to ensure a successful match. Public access will also be taught by our trained staff.

There is never a fee associated with adopting one of our PTSD Service Dogs as our organization strongly supports active, reserve, and retired U.S. Military who were honorably discharged. Veteran's may be required to pay travel and lodging accommodations during the training camp. However, the normal costs associated with purchasing a Service Dog have been generously covered through grants, sponsors and

donors.



PTSD SERVICE DOG PROGRAM

# It's the Law

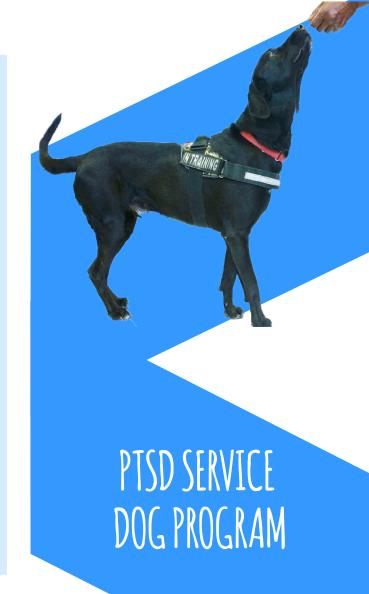
Under the law psychiatric service dogs are protected the same as guide dogs and other types of service dogs. According to the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA), a service animal is defined as a dog that has been individually trained to do work or perform tasks for an individual with a disability. The task(s) the dog performs must be directly related to the person's disability. Service dogs are allowed by law to accompany their handler anywhere, from restaurants and amusement parks to doctor's offices and shopping centers.

# **PAWS FOR LIFE K9 RESCUE**

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#### **ABOUT US**

Paws For Life K9 Rescue pulls its dogs from city and county shelters. Often, we choose dogs in need of socialization and training which we place with our incarcerated trainers throughout

California State Prisons.

We do this because our program is creating a wholesome training environment that dedicates significant time toward rehabilitation, ensuring the best possible outcomes. After several months of training, our dogs are ready for family life after completing their AKC Canine Good Citizen (CGC) certification.

Some are trained to become service animals for military veterans with PTSD.

By lowering euthanasia rates and preparing dogs for service-jobs, PFL is proving that everyone deserves a second chance.

#### WHAT ARE SERVICE DOGS

Service dogs are trained to help people who have disabilities other than visual impairment. They may provide balance, retrieve dropped items, open doors, toggle light switches, provide assistance in getting in and out of a chair, or respond to seizures. PTSD service dogs are trained to perform tasks, as well as provide a calming effect and sense of security for those with post-traumatic stress disorder.

## **Service Dog Requirements**

Per the ADA, anyone with a diagnosed disability that affects their quality of life in one or more major ways can partner with a service dog, as long as the service dog has individualized training to mitigate the person's disability. That means a pet dog without proper training is not a service dog. Additionally, people who can best have their needs met via other accommodations are not eligible for a service dog.

There are two primary requirements for a veteran to have a service dog:

I. The veteran must have a diagnosed disability. The disability must be documented in a letter by a Medical Doctor, or Psychiatrist.

2. The veteran must receive or train a dog that possesses the proper temperament and aptitude for service dog work to alleviate the effects of that disability.

# PAWS FOR LIFE K9 RESCUE SERVICE DOGS

The Paws For Life K9 Rescue PTSD Service Dog Program utilized rescue dogs from high intake and high kill shelters and trains them into incredible working dogs. Our specialized curriculum focuses heavily on task-oriented details such as recognizing signs of stress or anxiety, retrieving medications, interrupting night terrors and flashbacks, providing Deep Pressure Therapy and much more. In addition to these tasks, the dogs are obedience trained

to ensure their behavior strongly represents the professional service dog training industry.



