

K9S CONNECT

Monthly Newsletter



September 2020 News

National Service Dog Month and World Suicide Prevention Awareness Month

This month is extremely important to us, as September is a month that highlights both sides of our mission, which is to rescue and train shelter dogs to become Service Dogs and provide them to veterans suffering from PTSD, MST, and/or TBI, fueling our mission to stop veteran suicide.

Our program has a 99 percent success rate, which is one of the highest suicide prevention rates in any organization fighting to mitigate suicidal ideations.

Each Warrior that graduates from the K9s For Warriors program has their own unique story about the traumatic experience that led them to reach out for help. K9s For Warriors has gathered three graduates of the program to share their stories and experience throughout this life-changing program, and the achievements they have accomplished since graduating with their battle buddy. These Warriors wish that by sharing their own stories, they will spread awareness and encourage others to also reach out for help.

Becca & Bobbi, August 2018 Graduates

"Before Bobbi, I had persistent suicidal thoughts. Because I was an addict, I secretly hoped it would just finish me off. Now, through Bobbi, I have found myself again and have celebrated two years of sobriety. I look forward to a long and happy life with Bobbi by my side." - Becca & Bobbi

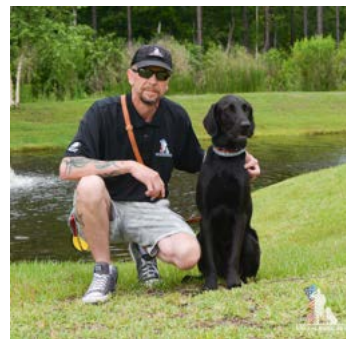


Jodie & Donna, October 2019 Graduates

"Donna has saved me from suicidal thoughts by being there for me when I would otherwise be alone, which is when I struggle the most with my PTSD and depression. In those times, Donna knows exactly how to get me to refocus my attention on her and calm down. Her unconditional love reminds me daily that the struggle is worth it." - Jodie & Donna

Will & Rio, May 2018 Graduates

"Before Rio, I was a cold and empty shell, but he taught me how to feel and love again. I still fight my battles and face my demons, but now I face them head-on. Because of Rio, I no longer have suicidal thoughts; they are now only diminished to a memory." - Will & Rio



Dog Tales

Dog Tales has a new look! As you may know, Dog Tales previously was a mailed newsletter. Moving forward, we have decided to merge Dog Tales and K9s Connect into one cohesive digital newsletter.

Dog Tales now features a feel-good update of a Warrior-K9 team. We hope you enjoy celebrating each team's accomplishments with us.



Brian and Bondo took on the Appalachian Trail together side by side. They accomplished around 1,100 miles! What a win for this battle buddy team!

Help us spread Suicide Prevention Awareness by wearing one of these powerful shirts!

The messaging behind the shirts.

Dog Paw Semicolon

A semicolon is often used when an author could have chosen to end their sentence but chooses not to. Paired with the dog paw, the dog paw semicolon symbolizes being #K9sStrong and PAWS, THINK and CONTINUE.

IGY6

With this shirt, you can show your support to those who have suffered from suicidal ideations, and let them know that "I got your six" which in military terms means "I got your back."

Your Story Matters

With this shirt, you can show your support to those who have suffered from suicidal ideations, and let them know that their story matters.



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