**K9s For Warriors Pups Bring Positivity to AEW Wrestlers Away from Home**

*The two groups had a meet-n-greet in Jacksonville today*

*(Jacksonville, Fla.) –* K9s For Warriors brought a team of seven service dogs-in-training to visit with members of All Elite Wrestling (AEW) today in Jacksonville. The pups helped to bring some fun and positivity to the wrestlers, including AEW female wrestler Big Swole, a veteran of the Air Force.

On the meeting, Big Swole said, “It was absolutely amazing. I’ve always wanted to be a part of something like this and meet the rescue dogs from K9s. I was so excited that I drove three hours this morning from my home in Clearwater just to see the puppies, so I’m all energized and ready for the show tonight.”

K9s For Warriors CEO Rory Diamond jumped at the opportunity to give the dogs a unique training experience and the wrestlers a piece of home away from home: “We’re proud to bring some joy and positivity to these athletes who understand the powerful benefits of dogs. It’s always fulfilling for us to help out our amazing Jacksonville community.”

Although the dogs had their standard vests on with “Do Not Pet” signs, their K9 trainers gave the cue “make a friend” so that the wrestlers could properly interact with them.

Note that AEW wrestlers and K9 For Warriors staff answered screening questions, had their temperatures taken and were tested for Covid-19 prior to the visit, and were in adherence to the most current regulations during the closed-set interaction. Fans can check out the AEW wrestlers in action tonight at 8pm ET on TNT.

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**About K9s For Warriors**

K9s For Warriors’ mission is to end veteran suicide. Based in Florida, we are the nation’s largest provider of Service Dogs to military veterans suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress, Traumatic Brain Injury and/or Military Sexual Trauma. Our program is unique, comprehensive, and proven, thanks to groundbreaking research conducted in partnership with Purdue University’s OHAIRE Lab. The majority of our Service Dogs come from high-kill shelters, which means that with each warrior-K9 pairing, two lives are saved.

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