



Veterans Moving Forward

Giving Veterans a New Leash on Life

About Us

Veterans Moving Forward's (VMF) mission is to provide service, therapy and emotional support dogs to Veterans with physical or mental challenges at no cost to the Veteran or their family.

Ways to Support



Donate

We rely solely on private donations from individuals, corporations, and foundations. No gift is too small. To learn more about becoming a major donor, please contact us at majorgifts@vetsfwd.org.



Partner

Collaborate with us on an outing, event, fundraiser, and/or marketing. Working with our partners assists with contributions and spreading the word about our important mission supporting Veterans.

Shop

- Purchase an item off our Amazon Wish List to support the cost of raising our canines.
- Buy a pound of dog food from Pet Wants Food Chantilly, and a pound will be donated to VMF
- Select us as your charity of choice when you shop at Walmart.

Volunteer

We rely heavily on our compassionate and dedicated volunteers to support our mission. Volunteers assist with puppy raising, fundraising, marketing, administrative tasks, dog walking, and more.

What Makes us Different

- Veterans and canines are matched based on personality, temperament, Veteran needs, and dog's skills.
- We link the Veteran with a veterinarian near their home.
- Our training team provides constant support to the Veterans and placed dogs to include monthly health and welfare reports, yearly home visits, and yearly public access testing.

About Our Working Dogs



Service Dogs are trained to perform a specific task to mitigate a **disability**. The disability can be mental and/or physical. The tasks to be performed vary according to the disability.

Therapy/Facility Dogs work alongside healthcare providers offering comfort, affection and support to Veterans engaged in rehabilitation or other medical treatment.

Emotional Support Dogs help relieve symptoms of emotional **distress** by providing comfort and companionship. They are not Task Trained to mitigate a disability and do not have public access.

Quick Facts

- Costs to VMF to raise and train is approximately \$40,000. No costs are passed to our Veterans.
- Dogs are placed all over the country & Veterans do not pay for their dog
- Dogs are named after fallen Veterans to honor and preserve their legacy of service.
- Canines placed with their Veteran when 18 months to 2 years old.
- Any Veterans who served our country honorably are eligible for our dogs.

Testimonials



*"Zamp continues to remain by my side and has been a key to my progress through the four surgical procedures I have undergone... **I have been able to refrain from pain pills quicker and no longer have the suicidal thoughts pervading my thoughts.**"*

*"I have witnessed hardened **combat vets smiling for the first time in weeks and highly guarded individuals suddenly engaging with their peers** over a common admiration for Gil's impressive service to their group."*

