

## **Service Dog Programs**

Age Requirements

No Age Requirement

Other Eligibility Criteria

Men and women who are active military, veterans who have been honorably discharged, and first responders who are visually or hearing impaired or physically disabled. Also eligible are professionals working with Military organizations that provide physical or mental health care to clients who will benefit from interaction with an Assistance Dog.

Family

No

Intake Contact Email

consumerservices@vetdogs.org

Intake Process

Application process. Applications can be completed online.

Intake Contact Telephone

(866) 282-8047

America's VetDogs

<http://www.vetdogs.org/>

<https://www.vetdogs.org/AV/getaservicedog/AV/DogPrograms/getaservicedog.aspx?hk...>

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Fee Structure

No Fee

Languages Spoken

English

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, allowing them to once again live with pride and self-reliance. Not only does a service dog provide support with daily activities, but it also provides the motivation to tackle new challenges.

VetDogs trains and places guide dogs for individuals who are blind or have low vision; PTSD service dogs to help mitigate the effects of post-traumatic stress disorder; hearing dogs for those who have lost their hearing later in life; service dogs for those with other physical disabilities, and facility dogs as part of the rehabilitation process in military and VA hospitals.

It costs over \$50,000 to breed, raise, train, and place one assistance dog; however, all of VetDogs' services are provided at no charge to the individual. Funding comes from the generosity of individuals, corporations, foundations, businesses, and service and fraternal clubs.

Once they make the decision to get a service dog, applicants become part of VetDogs' open and welcoming community. They are supported with an uncompromised commitment to excellence, from highly empathetic and certified trainers to a meticulously constructed curriculum. VetDogs teams each student with the dog that's right for them – and the power of their bond makes ordinary moments extraordinary. Crossing the street independently becomes a moment of liberation. Traveling alone becomes a welcome adventure. Embracing new experiences becomes an everyday occurrence.

Service Area(s)

Nationwide