



OPERATION SAVE-A-VET, SAVE-A-PET

FRANKLIN COUNTY VETERAN AFFAIRS

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ABOUT US

Operation Save-A-Vet, Save-A-Pet (SAV-SAP) is a Veterans service dog program dedicated to helping Franklin County Veterans with service connected disabilities lead happier, healthier and more productive lives.

WHAT'S NEW?

There is so much happening! We have three new additions to the Operation SAV-SAP family; two canines and one human. Indi and Dozer are our newest dogs. You can see pictures and read more about them in the "Meet our Dogs" section of our newsletter.

John McPaul is our new Outreach Coordinator. He is responsible for spreading the word about Operation SAV-SAP as well as doing outreach work in the community. He will inform veterans and their families of the services we provide as well as educating the public about everything the Veterans Affairs Office does.

This month Skylar, Turk and Jango are continuing their training and they all attended the Veterans Recognition Night at the Chambersburg Area Senior High School. It was a night to recognize area veterans for their service. Operation SAV-SAP was recognized at halftime and Veterans Affairs Director Justin Slep addressed the crowd. All of the dogs did an outstanding job!

If you know of any Franklin County disabled Veteran in need of a service dog, please have them contact our office for an application or more information. We are currently accepting applications for service dogs.

MEET OUR DOGS

INDI



Indi is an 8 week old pure bred German Shepard given to us by a generous local breeder. He was named by students of Waynesboro Area High School after their Indian Dash Run. Indi is going great with his new foster family.

DOZER



Dozer is a lovable 2 year old lab mix who was donated to the program by a caring family we met at Chambersburg's First Fido event. They thought that his calm personality and sweet temperament would make him an excellent service dog for a veteran. Phase 2 of his training starts soon!

TURK



Turk is a one and a half year old lab/pointer mix. Since being rescued he has excelled in his training and is currently going through the paring process with a veteran and things are going great. Everyone just loves Turk!

SHILOH

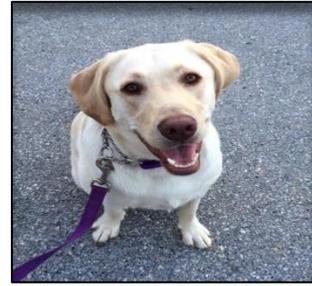


Shiloh is almost a year old! She is a pure bred yellow lab and was donated from the same local breeder as Skylar. Shiloh is with her foster family and is sponsored by Healthcare Receivable Management & Consulting, Inc. in Greencastle, Pa., until she is paired with a Veteran. She will be starting Phase I training soon.



Pictured: Skylar, Jango, & Turk at CASHS Veterans Recognition Night.

SKYLAR



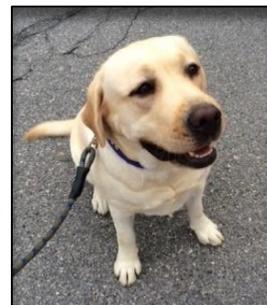
Skylar had a birthday recently! She is now 14 months old. She is a pure bred yellow lab and was donated by a generous local breeder. Skylar is very sweet and is ready to be paired with a veteran.

JANGO



Jango is a one and half year old lab retriever mix. He came to us from For Otis Sake Rescue in Hagerstown, MD. Jango has been living with his veteran family and they are progressing nicely. They are training for their certification test and we know that Jango and his veteran will go great!

KENDRA



Kendra is a 2 year old pure bred Yellow Lab that came to us from a generous local donor. She lives with our trainer Helen year round and will be utilized to start our breeding program. Once Kendra's training is complete she will be visiting patients at local hospitals to cheer them up.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Our attempts to build our own kennel for our program dogs continue. Our dog trainer, Helen has generously offered a building and land on her property for the program to build on to expand the program.

We are looking for volunteers from the community to lend a hand with this project any way they can. Please consider making a donation today. We welcome any donated materials, monetary donations, and volunteers to help take our program to the next level.

THANK YOU

I want to express my appreciation to the Chambersburg Area Senior High School for sponsoring Veterans Recognition Night. It was great to see our area Veterans and active service military members get the recognition they deserve for their service and for the sacrifices they have made for all of us. The hard work of the CASHS administration, the marching band, the glee club, the NJROTC and volunteers made it a memorable evening. I also want to thank those in attendance for their warm reception and for their generous donations to Operation Save-A-Vet Save-A-Pet. Your donations will help us continue to serve Veterans in our county with service related disabilities by partnering them with service dogs to improve their lives.

Justin Slep,

Director



Franklin County Veterans Affairs Director, Justin Slep, speaking at the CASHS Veterans Recognition Night.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU!

I want to thank Guy Shaul and the Chambersburg Recreation Department for all they do to support Operation Save-A-Vet, Save-A-Pet. The donation of training space that they provide allows the dogs to get the individual and group training they need to be successful service dogs.

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