

# **OPERATION SAVE-A-VET, SAVE-A-PET**

### FRANKLIN COUNTY VETERAN AFFAIRS FEBRUARY 2017 NEWSLETTER

# **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?

It's an exciting time at Operation SAV-SAP!

Not only have we added a new puppy, Liberty, to our program but we are looking forward to starting our own breeding program this spring so that we will have our own dogs to train. You can see a picture and read more about Liberty in the "Meet our Dogs" section of our newsletter.

It's a milestone as we take Operation SAV-SAP to the next level. Starting our own breeding program comes with many challenges. The biggest one is finding foster families willing to raise all of the puppies. We need families that are willing to take a puppy into their home and give them love, care and attention until they are ready to begin their training. Foster families will attend training classes and help with socializing the puppy to a home environment. This will help get them used to being around other animals and different types of people. All costs for food and veterinarian care are paid for by Operation SAV-SAP.

Please consider becoming a foster family to an Operation SAV-SAP dog. For more information contact John McPaul at (717) 263-4326.

# **MEET OUR DOGS**

# LIBERTY





Liberty is an adorable 3 month old pure bred Yellow Lab that came to us from a generous local donor in December. This is the same donor that gave us Kendra! Liberty was named by students of Waynesboro Area High School. She has been with her foster family for a month and is already attending training classes!

#### INDI





Indi is a 5 month 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 has been with a loving foster family and almost ready to move on to Phase 1 of his training.

#### DOZER



Dozer is a lovable 2 ½ year old lab mix who was donated to the program by a caring family we met at Chambersburg's First Fido event. Dozer loves everyone he meets. His Phase 2 training continues as he waits to be paired with a veteran.

#### TURK





Turk is almost an almost 2 year old lab/pointer mix. He has excelled in his training and is currently paired with a local veteran and his family.

#### SHILOH





Shiloh is now a year old! She is a pure bred Yellow Lab and was donated from the same local breeder as Skylar. Shiloh is being fostered by a veteran. She 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.

#### **SKYLAR**





Skylar is a  $1\frac{1}{2}$  year old pure bred Yellow Lab and was donated by a generous local breeder. Skylar is very sweet and is being paired with a veteran as her training continues.

#### **JANGO**





Jango is a 1 1/2 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 do 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 very soon. 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.

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.

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### 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL VETERANS AFFAIRS GOLF TOURNAMENT

HEY GOLFERS, TIME TO SHOW YOUR SKILLS
FOR A GREAT CAUSE! YOU'RE INVITED TO
BE PART OF THE SECOND ANNUAL
FRANKLIN COUNTY VETERANS AFFAIRS
GOLF TOURNAMENT TO BE HELD ON
FRIDAY, JUNE 9TH, AT WHITETAIL GOLF
RESORT. ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE
FRANKLIN COUNTY VETERANS AFFAIRS
OUTREACH FUND PROGRAMS TO MEET THE
NEEDS OF VETERANS IN OUR COMMUNITY.



2<sup>ND</sup> Annual FRANKLIN COUNTY

# VETERANS AFFAIRS

# **GOLF TOURNAMENT**

# 4 Person Scramble

\$ 90 entry fee per person

# Friday · June 9th, 2017

9:00 am Shotgun Start

#### Whitetail Golf Resort

11573 Blairs Valley Road Mercersburg, PA

Registration: 7:30 am • Lunch: 12:00 -1:00 pm

Entry Fee Includes: Light Breakfast - Golf Fee - Greens Fees - Cart Fees -Appreciation Gift -

Barbeque Chicken & Ribs Lunch - One Door Prize Ticket - Refreshments on the Course

Registration Fee: Please make checks payable to Franklin County Veterans Affairs-Attention: Outreach Fund

All proceeds benefit the Franklin County Veterans Affairs Outreach Fund Programs: Operation Save-A-Vet, Save-A-Pet and developing additional supportive programming to meet the needs of veterans in our community.

For more information on this and other Veterans Benefits please contact:



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