

Franklin County, PA is home to over 13,500 veterans, many of whom are rated with some level of disability by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). This number do not include the thousands of current military personnel who call Franklin County home. Nor does it include the veterans not on file with the VA. At the Franklin County Veterans Affairs Office, we are doing more for our area veterans by expanding our outreach services.

Save-A-Vet Save-A-Pet

This program is dedicated to helping Franklin County Veterans with service connected disabilities lead happier, healthier, more productive lives by pairing them with a service dog. Service dogs have proven to be highly valuable in assisting veterans with disabilities including, but not limited to, diabetes, seizure disorders, post traumatic stress, psychiatric disorders, and traumatic brain injury. Our dogs come from local rescues, shelters, and a few select breeding lines.



The dogs spend a year in highly specialized training and are then capable of serving veterans with a number of physical and psychological needs. While the dog is in training, the veteran will not be responsible for training costs, initial veterinary care or other incidental expenses. After the dog has completed the rigorous year long three phase training (with the dog and the veteran training together for the last phase)

Who Qualifies for a dog?

If you are a Franklin County Veteran who is need and interested in applying for a service dog, please read the following information carefully to determine if you meet our eligibility requirements.

- Active duty service in any branch of the U.S. Armed Forces during and era; and
- Received and honorable or general (under honorable conditions) discharge; and
- Have a service-connected disability; and
- Released from all active service and reserve obligations; and
- Meets all Franklin County Veterans Affairs requirements for application into the program, applied, and have been accepted into the program

To Learn more please contact us: (717) 263-4326 or visit us at www.franklincountypa.gov

Foster Families Needed

The Franklin County Veterans Affairs Office is currently looking for foster families for our Save-A-Vet, Save-A-Pet service dogs in or awaiting training. To become a foster family or for more information please contact us at 717-263-4326

Funding

Operation Save-A-Vet, Save-A-Pet is funded entirely by donations from the community. Tax deductible donations can be mailed to our office at:

Franklin County Veteran Affairs
425 Franklin Farm Lane
Chambersburg, PA 17202

Our program's trainer, Helen, has been training dogs for over 36 years.



She and her husband Brad own and operate Good Dog: Boarding, Doggie Day Care & Training which is located at 1571 Williamsport Pike in Greencastle, PA



Are you, or is someone that you love, a Veteran that lives in Franklin County and could benefit from a service dog?



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