Mission Statement

Transform lives of veterans by supporting the adoption, training, and health of their companion and support animals.

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About Us
We are a volunteer run organization, who have all personally witnessed veterans experience the benefits and joy of animal ownership and support. We service veterans in Warren, Washington, and Saratoga Counties in New York State.

What Do We Do?
- *We guide veterans through the adoption process and pay for adoption fees. (Payment limits may apply if adopting outside an adoption agency - I.e. a breeder)*
  - *The veteran is responsible for locating the animal that best fits their lifestyle and needs.*
    - *Canines must be previously fostered and at least one year old.*
      - *Exceptions must be reviewed and approved by the Woofs organization.*
  - *The veteran will be responsible for applying to the chosen adoption agency ("the agency") and complying with their approval process.*
    - *Once the adoption is approved by the agency, advise Woofs for Warriors, Inc.(Woofs) Woofs will contact the agency and arrange payment.*
- *Woofs will schedule, and pay for, mandatory basic obedience classes and costs to obtain Canine Good Citizen certification, and if requested, Urban Canine Good Citizen certification. It is good practice to have a well behaved dog in public.*
- *Woofs will consider applications for advanced training for a dog to perform specific tasks due to a veterans changing needs.*

Note: Veterans may qualify for a service, guide, or alert dog through the VA. Please discuss if you are eligible with your VA medical provider.

What Sets Us Apart?
- *Unlike many other organizations that place dogs with veterans, we do not require a veteran to have a service-related condition.*

- *Qualified veterans only need to be an honorably discharged veteran of any U.S. Armed Service (including National Guard and Reserves) whose medical professional has determined they will benefit from animal ownership.*
- *We will support adoption of an animal that will simply be a companion, or ultimately fully trained as a service animal.*
- *Dogs won't work for your lifestyle or home? We support the adoption of companion cats as well.*

Emergency and Veterinary Care Assistance

Intended to fill a small gap in funding that is keeping an animal from receiving care.

Be sure to ask if your veterinarian offers a veteran discount !

- *Eligibility*
  - *Honorably discharged veteran of any U.S. Armed Service (including National Guard and Reserves.*
  - *Veterinarians should ask for proof of status before submitting a request for payment. (County FAVOR card, driver's license with veteran designation, DD214, military ID card, etc.)*
  - *Treatment must have a favorable outcome which will support a positive quality of life. Prognoses for a poor quality of life, resulting in chronic pain and discomfort, should not be referred to Woofs.*

- *Assistance provided*
  - *Financial support for emergency lifesaving / urgent care treatment required for an outcome supporting a positive quality of life.*
    - *Percentage of treatment costs, TBD case-by-case and will be paid directly to veterinary service.*
  - *$150 toward non-emergency spay or neuter*
    - *Full spay or neuter coverage with demonstration of extreme financial need.*

- *Conditions*
  - *Veterans are required to give veterinary permission to release treatment information and cost estimates to Woofs representative.*
  - *Excludes*
    - *annual vaccinations and exams, flea/tick treatment*
    - *office visit fees*

- ■ *ongoing treatment or conditions (such as diabetes or chemo) or any other non-emergency treatment.*
- ■ *Testing or diagnostics (x-rays, MRI, blood work, etc.) not the result of emergency care*
  - ○ *Excludes treatment needed due to neglect or abuse of the animal by the applicant, or injuries to dogs or cats as the result of purposefully being left or housed outside.*
  - ○ *If an animal needs immediate emergency care, the owner is responsible to seek that immediately. There is no guarantee that Woofs will be able to provide financial assistance.*