

DEAR VETERAN



- How does Woofs for Warriors, Inc. (Woofs) work?
- What is your part?
- What is our part?

First, we provide you with an application for you to complete, or you can complete the on-line application on WoofsforWarriors.org.

- We will also require a general letter from a medical or mental health provider simply stating they believe you would benefit from a companion animal and that you would be able to provide them a good home.
- No specific health information is required and no personal information is shared outside the Woofs representatives who review your application.

Once these steps are completed and approved, we will provide a list of local adoption organizations website links (see our website). You are responsible for choosing your own companion animal.

- Woofs pays for all pre-placement adoption and medical costs direct to the adoption agency.
- Expect adoption agencies to complete their own application/approval process.

Adopted dogs are to be a minimum of one year old.

Exceptions must be reviewed and approved by the Woofs organization.

All adopters are required to attend an orientation conducted by Woofs for Warriors, Inc. staff. Topics may include, but are not limited to, Emotional Support Animal rights, basic care, how we may be able to help in the future.

Canine adoptions

Rescue organizations typically have evaluated the canine candidates for temperament and learning ability. Our goal is for you to find an adult dog who found themselves homeless through no fault of their own.

- Any canine candidate you consider should have been fostered, seen a veterinarian, is up-to-date on vaccinations, and spayed/neutered before being placed.
- Our organization is an owner-training program; meaning there is a requirement that you and your new companion complete, at minimum, basic obedience training together. We find this team training to be mutually beneficial for both dog and veteran. It's a win-win! There is no charge for any training.
- One of the training facilities we work with is Glens Falls Kennel Club, at which the Woofs Vice-President of Adoptions and Training is Training Director. After your new friend goes home with you, please allow 2-3 weeks to simply bond and for them to enjoy time getting to know you, your family, and get into a routine. Then you will be scheduled for weekly training sessions where you will learn together.

- Once the dog can complete certain obedience requirements (Canine Good Citizen Test – <http://www.akc.org/dog-owners/training/urban-canine-good-citizen/cgcu-test-items/>), Woofs will deem it a service dog-in-training and supply a vest along with a Woofs for Warriors ID.
 - Optional training to obtain an Urban Canine Good Citizen designation is at the discretion of the veteran and will be provided by Woofs as well.

Cat adoptions

- Cats also should be spayed/neutered and up-to-date on vaccinations.
 - Cats should be safely kept as indoor cats. Adoption fees for a second cat, or veterinary bills for cats purposefully outside and injured as a result, will not be covered by Woofs.

Your roles

Complete application
 Participate in orientation/onboarding
 Commit to attend training
 Provide a stable, positive home life
 Provide regular health care

Our roles

Provide list of adoption agencies
 Support adoption process
 Cover adoption fees
 Provide adoption costs
 Provide additional training if required