

LOYALTY RESCUE HEROES DOGS PARTNERS SERVICE TBI
SOLDIER'S BEST★FRIEND COMMUNITY VETERANS TRUST INSPIRE
 HOPE MILITARY PTSD **TOUCHING TWO LIVES AT ONCE** FRIENDS

Soldier's Best Friend provides United States military veterans living with combat-related Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) or Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) with Service or Therapeutic Companion Dogs, most of which are rescued from local shelters. The veteran and dog train together to build a trusting relationship that saves two lives at once and inspires countless others.

After the veteran or active military member is accepted to our program, they begin training with our professional trainers. They are provided a rescue/shelter dog or train with their own dog, if it meets our training criteria. Training takes approximately 6-9 months to develop a service dog. The pair attend classes two times a week. During training the dog lives with the veteran.

There is **NO** cost to the veteran for placement, training and basic supplies.

Graduate Statistics

(Based on a 39.5% response rate to survey)

- 97% reported that having a service dog has improved their overall quality of life
- 91% who experienced suicidal thoughts prior to training said that having a service dog reduced their suicidal thoughts
- 72% said having their service dog has reduced their need for medications
- 80% reported improvement in their relationships with families and others



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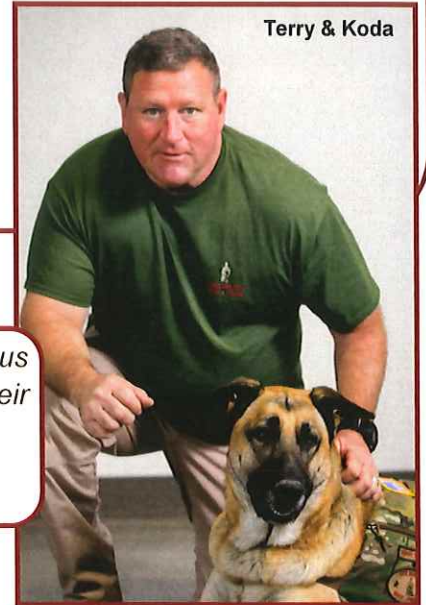
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Cost to Pair, Equip
 and Train
 \$5,000

At \$0 Cost to the Veteran

"I've spent 22 years making my military career my life. I had no clue how difficult civilian life was going to be. Now, Koda is my battle buddy. He seems to know when I need him and he keeps me happy, laughing and calm. He's even able to find Mom [Terry's wife] when I need her, or be supportive when I need a brace."

- Terry & Koda,
 2019 Graduates



Terry & Koda

Thank you for giving us back my husband, their dad and grandpa, our hero.

- Debbie, Terry's Wife

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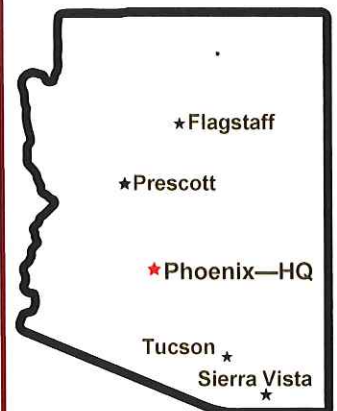
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Veteran/dog teams have graduated from our program since 2011

166

Arizona homeless dogs have been rescued from local rescue/shelter partners

SBF TRAINING LOCATIONS



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