



Dogs For Life

*Training Service Dogs
For Veterans*

Scrapbook

2019

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DECEMBER

Annual Christmas Party





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Bill Would Cover Cost of Service Dogs for Veterans with PTSD

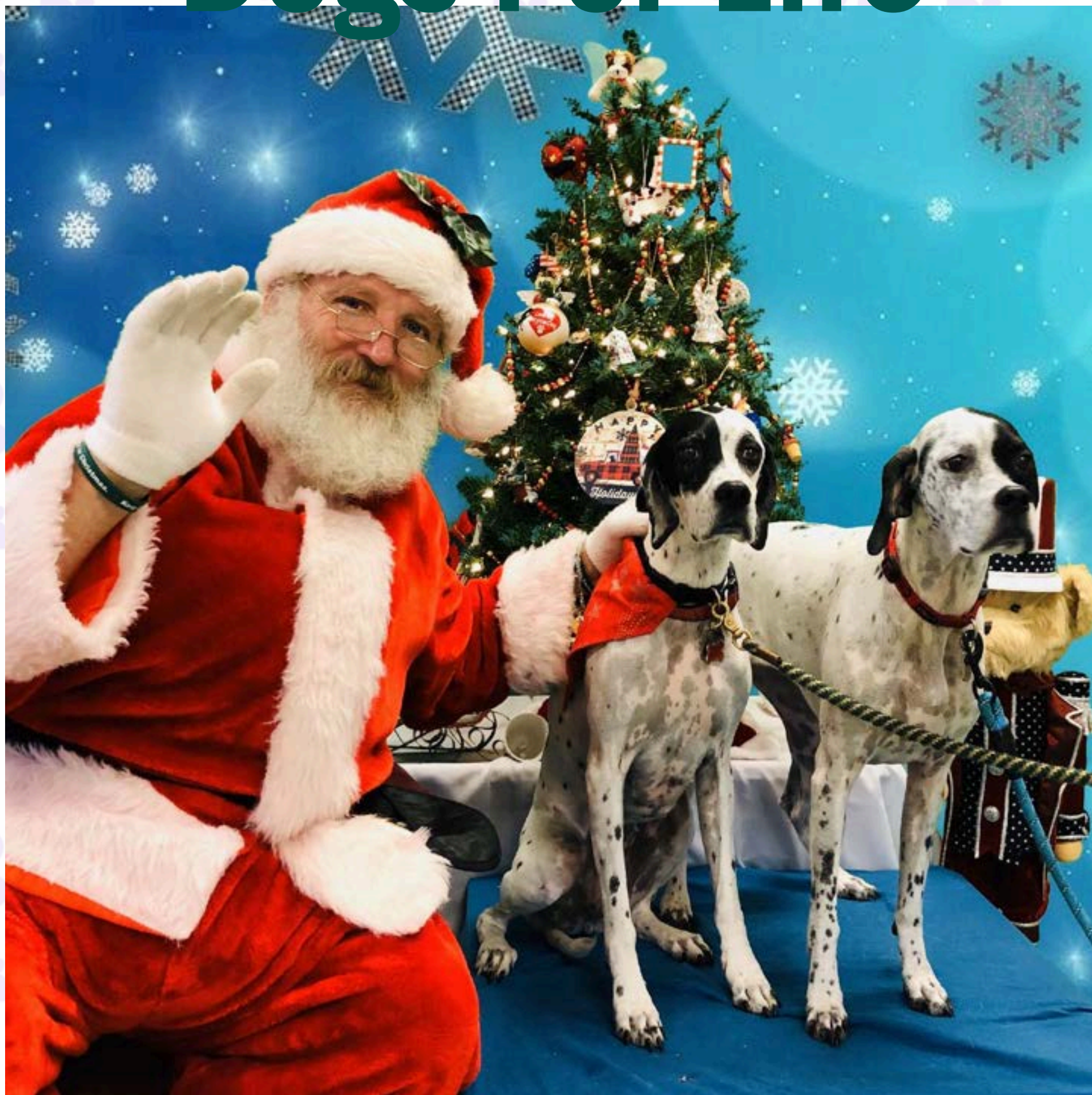


Packing Christmas Boxes for Troops





Santa Visits Dogs For Life







Giving Tuesday

Why should you give?

There are 22 military/veteran suicides a day; one every 66 minutes.

A service dog can help alleviate suffering from a mental or physical disability with trained tasks.

A dog also gives his or her handler a reason to get out of the house and keep living.

#GivingTuesday 12/3/19

Why should you give?

PTSD affects 5.2 adult Americans.

A veteran suffering with PTSD may feel isolated and not accepted.

A service dog helps build trust again and a person suffering with PTSD can begin to incorporate more wholly back into life.

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Why should you give?

People affected by a traumatic event will have reactions that include shock, anger, nervousness, fear and guilt. For people with PTSD, these feelings commonly become so intense that some individuals cannot lead a normal personal, professional or social life.

Dogs For Life hosts PTSD support groups for veterans and non-veterans every Saturday at 11:00 am.

#GivingTuesday 12/3/19

Why should you give?

A person that suffers from PTSD may be re-traumatized by a nightmare triggered by a traumatic event.

A service dog can interrupt that nightmare by pulling off the person's blanket or by turning on lights.

The dog will then help the person recover by remaining calm and quiet to give confidence and solace that there is no threat.

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NOVEMBER

Graduates





American Goldstar Mothers of IRC Walk-A-Thon









WALK-A-THON FOR MILITARY SUICIDE AWARENESS

SATURDAY

NOVEMBER 16, 2019

Presented by

American Gold Star Mothers, Inc.
Indian River County Chapter



Doughnut Truck

Patriotic Art
Auction!

East Harbor!
Food Trucks!



WALKING
TREE
BREWERY
VERO BEACH, FLORIDA

Walking Tree Brewery

9:00 am - 12:30 pm

For more information contact Michelle Dale or Kim Palazzolo at michdaleircgoldstarmoms@gmail.com or visit our Facebook and web pages at [@ircgoldstarmoms](https://www.facebook.com/ircgoldstarmoms) and www.ircgoldstarmoms.org

Proceeds to Benefit:



Legacy Ladies



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OCTOBER

Howl-O-Ween Article



Costumed canines delight at Howl-O-Ween Pawrade

BY MARY SCHENKEL
Staff Writer

It began raining cats and dogs just as the recent Dogs for Life Howl-O-Ween Pawrade was about to start, but in true show-must-go-on fashion, Shelly Ferger, DFL founder/CEO, decided to hold the whole event indoors.

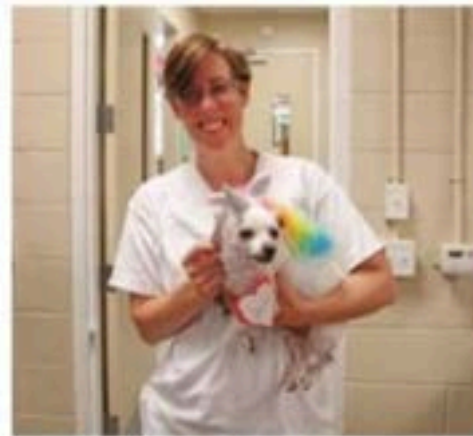
Thanks to tropical storm Nestor, Ferger had already moved the informational vendors and raffle items inside but now even the parade of adorably costumed pooches would be an indoor affair. Patient pups stood nose to tail as the Next Gen Color Guard led the way, before making their way around the room to the delight of the packed crowd.

Lion manes were the costumes of choice for DFL-trained service dogs Coco and Arrow. Al Cabral said Coco was trained for hearing and PTSD, and JoAnn Tindol said Arrow was trained to help husband Earl by opening doors, picking up and retrieving items and helping him to stand up.



Earl Tindol with Arrow.

PHOTO: KALA JONES



Amanda Krieger with Frito.



Cassie Ford with Savannah.



Kevin Rockwell with Honey.

Rex the 'Wookiee-doodle,' prancing alongside Helen Gaillard as 'Princess Leia,' needed only a carbine collar to complete his look; the 9-month-old golden doodle already had a coat as curly as Chewbacca.

"You made a bad event better," Ferger told the crowd. "I just want to thank everyone who came out in spite of the weather to make this event successful."

DFL, certified by Assistance Dogs International and recognized by the U. S. Department of Veteran Affairs, provides specialized training for service and hearing dogs.

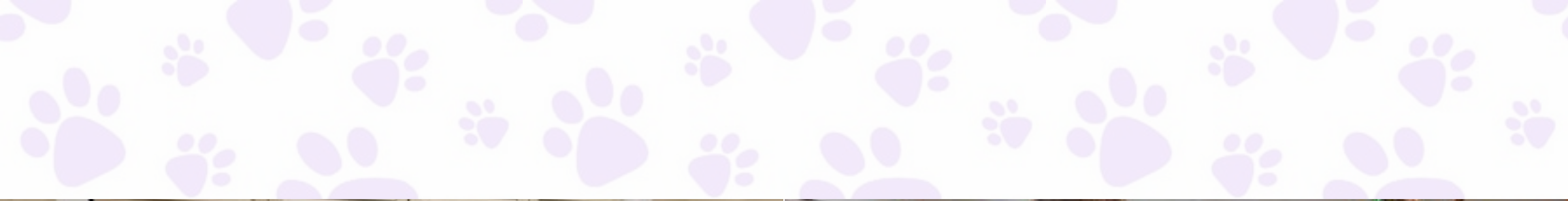
There are currently 50 service dogs being trained, half of those for veterans.

Board president Kathi Schumann said they actually support 100 dogs, because certifications need to be renewed yearly, and they also provide medical insurance for all of the dogs to ensure they're well cared for.

For more information, visit dogs-for-lifevb.org. ■

18th Howl-O-Ween Pet Expo









Veterans Helping Veterans Show



IRC Sheriff's Office Radio Show



C.O.P.S. RADIO

Community Outreach
& Public Service

hosted by
Eric Flowers



C.O.P.S. RADIO
Community Outreach
& Public Service

Eleanor's Birthday



PTSD Panel



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SEPTEMBER

ADI International Conference



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AUGUST

Veterans Voice Radio Show



Service Dogs Outings





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Bonz holds this golden Good Girl in high esteem

Written by: Bonzo August 01 2019





JULY

Veterans Council of IRC Donation

DFL Board President Kathi G. Schumann extends her generosity to the Veterans Council of Indian River County. "We are stronger together." ~ Kathi G. Schumann



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JUNE

The Sound of String Mentoring





Ruck for Our Veterans March

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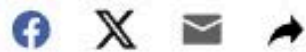
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LUMINARIES

Do you give a 'ruck' about veterans? Join June 29 march in Vero Beach

Nicole Haagenson Special to TCPalm

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On June 29, the [Next Generation Veterans of Indian River County](#) is hosting a Ruck for Our Veterans march to raise money for local veterans and for the "Words From War" monument that will be built near [Veterans Memorial Island Sanctuary](#) in Vero Beach.

A ruck march in the military is way to move personnel and their gear from point A to point B in an expeditious fashion. The Ruck for Our Veterans event is a 5-mile brisk walk with weighted backpacks. The group is asking the community to bring non-perishable food items to wear in their rucks for the march. Afterward, those food items will be collected and donated to the [Indian River Charitable Association Food Pantry](#) in downtown Vero Beach.

"This is our fourth ruck march for Indian



Next Generation Veterans of Indian River County's first Ruck March in 2017. This year Next Generation Veterans of Indian River County is hosting a Ruck for Our Veterans march on June 29 to raise money for the "Words From War" monument that will be built near Veterans Memorial Island Sanctuary in Vero Beach. Bruce Cady/Special To TCPalm





Ruck for Our Veterans

Sponsorships

All sponsors will be announced at the event and mentioned on our social media.



Water Sponsor

Provide water bottles for participants
Sponsor provided sign hung at event
4 Ruck registration fees



Food Sponsor

Provide food at the end of the Ruck
Sponsor provided sign hung at event
4 Ruck registration fees



Event Sponsor

\$200, \$500, or \$1000 donation
Sponsor provided sign hung at event
of Ruck registration fees based on amount



Sponsor a Veteran

\$20 registration fee for a Veteran

Contact Nicole Haagenson for more details.
904-607-9424 or nicole.haagenson@gmail.com

Shelly's Birthday



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MAY

Memorial Day





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APRIL

American Gold Star Mothers of IRC Installation Ceremony





2019 Awards Ceremony and Graduation





Red White and Blue Concert





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MARCH

Veterans Training Veterans Workshop



TCPalm Philanthropy

Article

INDIAN RIVER COUNTY

Vero Beach Centennial: Dogs for Life flourishes with support of Vero Beach philanthropist Kathi Schumann

Shelly Ferger Special to TCPalm

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Dogs for Life Inc. is indebted to Vero Beach philanthropist Kathi G. Schumann for her generosity toward this nonprofit organization founded to improve the quality of life for people, especially veterans, and dogs through the training of service and



Elevator and Stairs Training at Vero Beaach Regional Airport





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FEBRUARY

Bridge Tournament





Publix Training Outing







JANUARY

Indian River Woodcarver's Annual Presentation



Purple Heart Cane Ceremony | January 26





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Vero Beach Book Center Public Training





Practice in Public Spaces





Bark in the Park

