#### Average Cost to Train a Service Dog

Team Evaluation Process \$445
Training Supplies
Basic Obedience Training - 3 months \$3,850
Specialized Training - 3 months\$5,950
6 Month Certification \$2,255
Sub-Total\$13,210
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Sub-Total\$13,210 Annual Recertification - Over 10 years \$4,650





Training is free of charge to the brave men and women who honorably served our country.





#### **Service Dog Training Center** And Off-Leash Dog Park

The DFL 4-acre Off-Leash Dog Park is located at 1230 16th Avenue. Memberships are available to the public for \$100 per year. Dogs must be inoculated, neutered and social. Veterans and first responders may join at no charge.

#### **Dogs For Life Programs:**

- **★** Service Dog Training
- **★** Veterans Training Veterans PAWS Program
- **★** Veteran Service Dog Training
- ★ Veteran PTSD Recovery & Support Group
- ★ Female Veterans & First Responders Support Group
- **★** Pet Therapy Dog Program
- **★** School Resource Dog Program
- ★ Puppy Raising/Foster Dog Training
- **★** Off-Leash Dog Park



Your donation is tax deductible as a charitable contribution for Federal income tax purposes under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue code, Registration # CH15831.

A copy of the official registration and financial information may be obtained from the Division of Consumer Services by calling toll-free (800) 435-7352 within the state.

Dogs For Life, Inc. is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization as described under the Internal Revenue Code 501(c)(3). Federal ID# 31-1800397.



# Improving the Quality of Life for People with Disabilities through Hearing and Service Dogs



Kris, US Army Veteran and his service dog "Jasper"

#### **Adminstration & Training Center**

1230 16th Avenue Vero Beach, FL 32960

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#### **Dogs For Life Mission**

DFL is a non-profit organization devoted to improving the quality of life for veterans and other individuals with disabilities through training hearing and service dogs, providing pet assisted therapy, and owning and operating an off-leash dog park.



DFL specializes in task training dogs to help their owners 24 hours a day, 365 days a year to lead a life of independence and self-reliance.

## **Dogs For Life Programs**

#### **Service Dog Training**

Dogs are task trained to assist their owners with mobility challenges and psychological support.

#### **Hearing Dog Training**

Dogs are task trained to alert their owners to a knock at the door, a telephone ring, a smoke alarm, or an alarm clock. Many other sounds can be added to meet a client's individual needs.

#### **Pet Therapy Dog Program**

Dogs and owners are trained to provide love and comfort to law enforcement and first responders coping with on-going every day stressors.

#### **School Resource Dog Program**

Dogs are trained and placed with School Resource Officers to assist with their duties in the school system.

#### **Puppy Raising/Foster Dog Training**

DFL uses an in-home environment to house and train dogs year-round. Volunteers are trained to foster dogs and begin their training before the dogs are placed with a client. This helps DFL to expand and increase the reach of our program.



# **Support Groups**

**Veteran PTSD** 

Monday & Thursday 7:00 PM

Female Veterans & First Responders

1st & 3rd Wednesday 7:00 PM

Above Meetings Held at: Dogs For Life 1230 16th Avenue Vero Beach, FL 32960

### **Veterans Meet Up**

**Every Wednesday 6:00-8:00 PM** 

2183 Ponce De Leon Circle Vero Beach, FL 32960

#### **Service Dogs for Veterans**

Dogs For Life, Inc., is one of only five organizations in the State of Florida accredited by Assistance Dogs International, to certify service dogs for veterans, allowing them to receive additional VA benefits.

Dogs are task trained to help veterans and first responders by providing emotional stability to those suffering from post-traumatic stress by restoring peace in their everyday lives.

# Veterans Training Veterans PAWS Program

Veterans and first responders join this program to learn to train service dogs through a series of workshops.

The fastest growing need for service dogs in Florida is from our veterans. Post 9/11 veterans prefer dogs to traditional treatments for the effects of post-traumatic stress.

Other studies demonstrate <sup>1</sup>		
Treatment via medication 50% effective	Talk therapy 50% effective	Service dogs 84.5% effective

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Operation Wolfhound

According to the Veteran's Administration, the news is grim for our new residents:

- 3 in 10 will have a service-related disability
- 20+% will suffer from the effects of posttraumatic stress
- 50% of those with post-traumatic stress will not seek treatment
- 19% will report post-traumatic stress symptoms classified as "serious functional impairment"