

Service Dog Resource List

Note: these resources were identified while conducting a Google search for “service dogs for Veterans in California.” Be thorough in your own search as there may be more services not listed below.

- 4Paws 4Patriots - www.4paws4patriots.org/ - 4 PAWS 4 PATRIOTS is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization established to provide service dogs and training to disabled veterans at no cost to the veteran.
- Service Dog Providers for Veterans - Vets Adopt Pets – www.vetsadoptpets.org/vetservicedogs
- Pets for Vets - <https://www.petsforvets.com/>
- Military Service Dogs, Therapy Dogs and Companion Pets ~ www.operationwearehere.com/MilitaryServiceDogs.html - Organizations that provide service dogs, therapy dogs or companion pets for ...at no cost to the veteran who is receiving a dog!!
- Shelter to Soldier - www.shelertosoldier.org/ - We bring post-9/11 combat veterans together with trained, rescue dogs to help ...
- The Battle Buddy Foundation – www.tbbf.org
- America’s Vet Dogs – www.vetdogs.org
- Canines For Veterans – www.caninesforservice.org
- Puppy Jake Foundation – www.puppyjakefoundation.org
- Paws for Purple hearts – www.pawsforpurplehearts.org

PAWS LA has a pilot program for veterans with a PTSD diagnosis and a pet (regardless of whether the pet is a service animal or not.) They are willing to help even if the veteran does not have a PTSD diagnosis and can’t necessarily qualify for the pilot program. Contact: Diego Ortiz (dortiz@pawsla.org) and Steve Wayland (swayland@pawsla.org). PAWS LA can assist with temporary foster care for veterans going into treatment, housing advocacy, free pet food and other resources, free vet care, and more.

The Lucy Pet Foundation can provide free spay and neuter services, micro chipping, vaccines, and nail clipping to veterans living in the City of Los Angeles. Mobile spay/neuter van travels around LA, here's a link to their schedule: <http://www.lucypetfoundation.org/events/> Contact: Toll Free (855) 499-LUCY, www.lucypetfoundation.org

Operation Blankets of Love provides all the resources a pet owner might need—dog beds, leashes/harnesses, food, blankets, and more. Contact: Brad, 818-402-6584.

San Simon Foundation matches individuals with a service dog. Contact: Barb Velasquez, 310-457-5898 or barb@samsimonfoundation.org. Must be:

- CA resident
- OIF/OEF/Desert Storm Veteran
- In treatment for PTSD and/or TBI a minimum of 8 consecutive months and can provide a referral from a licensed practitioner.
- Support system in place (friends and/or family)
- Financially and physically able to care for the needs of a Service Dog in a loving and safe environment (home)
- Can maintain a regular schedule that includes outings to places such as work, school, or shopping and restaurants with a Service Dog.

VCA Animal Hospitals offers first visit free: <http://www.vcahospitals.com/main/offer>

*For questions about how to train your dog to be a service dog, please inquire with the websites listed above, as most of them provide that assistance or know where it is provided.