

Military/Veteran Resources

Dogs on Deployment

dogsondeployment.org | 619-800-3631

Dogs on Deployment is a national non-profit which provides an online network for service members to search for volunteers who are willing to board their pets during their owner's service commitments. This resource is also available to veterans with an honorable discharge who are receiving medical treatment for a condition directly related to military service through the Veterans Affairs Department or other reputable veteran assistance organization.

Rich Seltzer Memorial Grant

dogsondeployment.org/apply | 619-800-3631

The Rich Seltzer Memorial Fund is a financial assistance program that aims to provide financial aid to military and veteran members who are facing financial difficulty regarding their pets' care.

Guardian Angels for Soldier's Pet

gafsp.org | 254-248-1818

Guardian Angels for Soldier's Pet Foster Home program has a two-fold purpose, assisting with deployed active-duty service members as well as honorably discharged veterans facing a significant inpatient medical situation, and/or is homeless receiving a "hand-up" from a VA or VA-approved Homeless Veteran Transition program.

Pets of the Homeless

petsofthehomeless.org | 775-841-7463

Pets of the Homeless provides assistance to veterans who are unhoused as well as those veterans participating in the HUD-VASH program who are housed and in VA treatment programs.

Service Dog Veterinary Health Benefit

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) provides a veterinary health insurance benefit and other benefits in support of service dogs to maximize the life and utility of these specialized dogs. VA does not provide service dogs but does provide this insurance benefit for eligible Veterans through VHA Prosthetic and Sensory Aids Service (PSAS). To qualify, the dog must be trained and from an Assistance Dogs International (ADI) or International Guide Dog Federation (IGDF) accredited service dog organization.

Contact your VA health provider for more information.

Service & Companion Animals in Washington State

dva.wa.gov/counseling/service-and-companion-animals

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is a federal agency that administers the Fair Housing Act (FHA). Under the FHA, a service animal is defined as an animal that is a necessary reasonable accommodation for a person with a disability. Emotional support animals and comfort animals are included in the HUD definition and are therefore allowed into a person's dwelling.

There should be no "pet fee" for the service animal. The person with the disability must request the animal as a reasonable accommodation for the disability and must be able to show that the animal is necessary because of the person's disability.

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