



B.E.S.T. Service Dogs

Creating Independence Through Canine Partnerships

Vision statement – B.E.S.T. Service Dogs enriches the lives of people with disabilities. We breed and train service dogs. It is our goal to provide as many healthy, trained dogs as possible to assist in providing the B.E.S.T. quality of life for our clients. We are the B.E.S.T. possible providers of service dogs, training and education to our clients and our community.

Mission statement - B.E.S.T. Service Dogs stands for Breeding, Education, Service and Training. We provide specially selected Labrador Retrievers as service dogs to families affected by autism and veterans with PTSD. These dogs perform a multitude of trained tasks to mitigate a disability. Our partnerships provide life changing companions that increase their well being and independence.

Rationale

- Autism has become an epidemic in this country where 1 in 54 births are affected. Autism is the fastest growing developmental disability. Service dogs have been shown to make a significant difference in social and mental development in young children. Relatively new on the scene, autism service dogs provide companionship, deep pressure therapy and reduced anxiety. There is a tremendous need for autism service dogs that cannot be filled.
- Post Traumatic Stress Disorder in veterans occurs during active duty in service. Trained PTSD service dogs have been shown to reduce anxiety and stress. They also increase a veteran's self-esteem, patience, and understanding, lower isolation, create companionship without judgment, love and happiness outside of grief and despair, and peace of mind. PTSD Service Dogs save lives!

These two groups have been overlooked when it comes to accessing a service dog for their specific needs. We want to increase the number of veterans and children that can benefit from a trained service dog. Our puppies are bred to this purpose and are selected for success.

Annual Budget \$50,000 (FY 2021)

Ways to help - Volunteer: Contact us at bestservicedogs@gmail.com to help with facility maintenance, puppy raising or to be added to our mailing list

Donate - Visit our donation page to make the financial contribution of your choice. <http://www.bestservicedogs.org/donate>



Results

- Since 2017 donated funds from individuals and grants have supported B.E.S.T. to place 12 puppies in training as service dogs
- Obtained two grants to help improve our facilities.
- B.E.S.T. Service Dogs was featured as a Woman Owned Business by KCRA News in Sacramento
- Our annual Art Show/Sale fundraiser brings local artists and the community together

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