

The unconditional love
of animal companionship
is a precious gift for veterans.

VETS AND THEIR PETS ARE BETTER TOGETHER



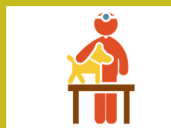
PROJECT PETSTRONG IS A SERVICE OF PAWS/LA

PAWS/LA is a nonprofit that has been working to preserve the human-animal bond since 1989. Every year, PAWS/LA provides food and essential veterinary care for more than 2,000 pets on behalf of 1,100 Los Angeles pet guardians in need. Recently, PAWS/LA began studying the needs of veterans and their companion animals. As a result, it created a pilot program called Project PetStrong, which is designed to ease the financial, physical, and emotional challenges of keeping and caring for a companion animal. No veteran should have to choose between his or her health and the unconditional love of a companion, therapy, emotional support or service animal.

PROGRAM SERVICES INCLUDE

- ACCESS OUR PET FOOD BANK
- SUBSIDIZED VETERINARY CARE
- TEMPORARY FOSTER CARE
- HOME PET FOOD DELIVERY*
- GROOMING AND PET TRANSPORT*

*FOR HOMEBOUND CLIENTS ONLY



ELIGIBILITY

VETERAN



PTSD



LOW-INCOME



L.A. COUNTY
RESIDENT



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VETERAN HOMELESSNESS AND PTSD

"It's incredible how this dog makes me want to try again," he says. "I would rather live on the street than lose my Shadow."

John survived two deployments to Afghanistan before the age of 25. He was diagnosed with PTSD as a result of his experiences in combat. He admits it has not been easy to return to civilian life. In 2013, John adopted a terrier mix from a neighbor. He remembers the first time he saw that "dopey face" that nobody wanted. The way John was feeling back then, he could relate. The two have been inseparable ever since. John credits Shadow for giving him a reason to start piecing his life back together.



He is one of the thousands of veterans forced to choose between keeping his companion animal and having a roof over his head.

PAWS/LA VETS WITH PETS NEEDS ASSESSMENT

1 in 2

NEEDS
VETERINARY
CARE

1 in 3

NEEDS
PET FOOD

1 in 10

NEEDS
TEMPORARY
FOSTER
CARE

40% DENIED HOUSING
DUE TO PET

50% BELOW
POVERTY

70% DIAGNOSED
PTSD

HOUSING ADVOCACY FOR ANIMAL GUARDIANS WITH DISABILITIES



PAWS/LA is dedicated to ensuring that disabled animal guardians are aware of their rights to housing accommodations with their Support Animals. Veterans with PTSD have the right to keep their emotional support and service animals.



WE ARE PETSTRONG

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