

CREATING A MIRACLE

SPONSOR A PTSD SERVICE DOG TEAM

It costs **\$18,000** to breed, raise, train, and partner a PTSD Service Dog with an Israeli who has suffered emotional trauma. A nearly two-year process that totally transforms a person's life.



Step 1: \$2,402 BREEDING OUR PUPPIES

We begin by selectively breeding puppies for physical and temperament traits required for guide dogs and qualities suitable to specific clients, such as size and speed. Mothers give birth and nurse their puppies for eight weeks at our state-of-the-art Whelping Center. Puppies undergo early enrichment and are exposed to light, sounds, and different surfaces. Specially designed play equipment helps them develop coordination and agility skills.

Step 2: \$3,461 PUPPY RAISING

Volunteer puppy raisers – mostly university students – foster puppies for a year, providing socialization, obedience training, and lots of love. Our puppy managers supervise and visit each team monthly to check on the puppies' progress. During this crucial year, the puppies go to public places such as shopping centers and restaurants, public transit, and busy streets to familiarize them with situations they will encounter as service dogs.



Step 3: \$8,780 PTSD SERVICE DOG TRAINING

When puppies reach approximately 14 months, they return to the Center for evaluation. Dogs that show an aptitude for high-level emotional work are selected for PTSD training, an intensive two-month program. Using Clicker Training, they learn basic commands and complex skills such as identifying when their partner is having a flashback or nightmare, and skills to interrupt the episode. They also learn to alert their partner when someone is approaching from behind, and to create space in crowded areas.

Step 4: \$3,357 TEAM TRAINING

We interview each potential client, then screen and match them with a dog to best fit their lifestyle and physical characteristics. Our clients and their dogs undergo an intensive training course with a professional instructor – usually in their home environment. PTSD Service Dogs help to establish healthy routines and allow their partners to return to a productive life. We provide follow up care for the life of the Partnership.



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BUDGET

PTSD Service Dog Partnership

(PTSD = Post-traumatic Stress Disorder)

I. Breeding Program (per dog)	\$2,402
<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Reproduction Coordinator○ Veterinary Services○ Whelping○ Early Puppy Enrichment – on campus	
II. Puppy Raising & Dog Care Expenses	3,461
<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Screening and interviewing puppy-raising families○ Training Supervision○ Food & Medications○ Leash, chew toys, etc.○ Monthly training – new lessons	
III. Dog Training – Specific to PTSD	8,780
<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Evaluation and Selection of potential PTSD dogs○ Trainer Expense○ Leash, whistle and various supplies○ Clicker Training for important skills such as; To identify and respond when anxiety attacks occur, Learn “Block” command, and create space in crowded spaces.	
IV. PTSD Partnership Training	3,357
<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Screening & Selecting potential clients○ Matching dogs to clients○ One-week intensive in-home training course○ Follow-up with Psychologist	
COST TO SPONSOR A PTSD PARTNERSHIP	<hr/> \$18,000