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Animal Services teams up with K9 Partners for Patriots

~~Animal Services helps veterans find service pets~~

LAND O' LAKES, FL ---- [Pasco County Animal Services](#) (PCAS) is working with [K9 Partners for Patriots](#) (K9P4P) to help connect veterans with service dogs. Specially-trained service dogs can help veterans who are suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) or Military Sexual Trauma (MST).

K9P4P, a Brooksville non-profit organization, helps veterans by training them and their service dog together through a 19-week program that helps veterans cope with stress and anxiety.

Pasco County Animal Services is thrilled to have our shelter pets considered as candidates for service dog training. Dogs qualify if they are able to pick up on the scent of adrenaline. Staff then select dogs based on assessments performed at the shelter. K9P4P further assesses pets for their temperament and service dog potential.

These dogs sometimes choose their veteran! Working together in the 19-week program helps solidify their bond. The service dogs, training and equipment are available to participating veterans at no cost.

Click the following links to see photos of veterans and their K9P4P service dogs:

[Service dog training/bonding underway!](#)

[Congratulations graduates!](#)

Pasco County Animal Services has placed more than 15 dogs with K9P4P and is proud to continue helping K9P4P find suitable canine candidates for this wonderful program.

For more information on K9P4P, click here: www.k9partnersforpatriots.com.

[The Pasco County Animal Services Department](#) is dedicated to promoting and protecting the health, safety and welfare of animals and people. Visit the Pasco County Animal Services Adoption Center at 19640 Dogpatch Lane, Land O' Lakes, Florida. We're open Tuesday through Saturday, from 12:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. For more information, including volunteer opportunities, please visit our website at: www.pascocountyfl.net/PAS.