

Managing PTSD through the use of Man's Best Friend



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Mutts Mending Military



USE OF RESCUE DOGS

HANDLERS/VETERANS TRAIN THEIR DOG

CERTIFICATION/COMPLETION

MMM Program cont'd



- **Volunteers for MMM**
- **Success Rate vs. Drop Outs**

Veterans :Combat & Non Combat to include Military Sexual Trauma



**EVERY VETERAN'S CASE IS AS UNIQUE AS
THEIR PTSD**

**SERVICE DOG NEEDS TO BE TRAINED FOR
EACH VETERAN'S SPECIFIC TRIGGERS.**

How Dogs Are Selected



- Where do the Dogs come from?
- Why does MMM use Rescue dogs?
- Requirements for Service Dog can vary on a case by case basis.

How are Dogs Paired with Veterans



- **Interview process**

Application Process



**Q&A SESSION WITH A CERTIFIED
VETERAN/HANDLER**

**REFERRAL OR PRESCRIPTION FROM THE
MANAGING CASE WORKER, SOCIAL WORKER OR
TREATING PHYSICIAN**

COMPLETION OF ADOPTION APPLICATION

Class Certification



- **Class Setting**

Continuing Education



AFTER CERTIFICATION, VETERAN BEGINS TRAINING FOR THEIR SPECIFIC TRIGGERS NOT COVERED IN BASIC TRAINING CLASSES.

Remind Veteran to take medication

Hands free handling

etc

MMM Gives 24/7 Support



- **Experienced Volunteers/Handlers will be on call to offer Support & Guidance during “off-duty” hours.**

Veteran's Improvements as a result of the Program



- **Better communication skills**
- **Positive changes in Sleep pattern**
- **Physicians approved decrease in medication**
- **Feel of purpose, reason to live**
- **Increased Self Worth and Pride**