

# 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**