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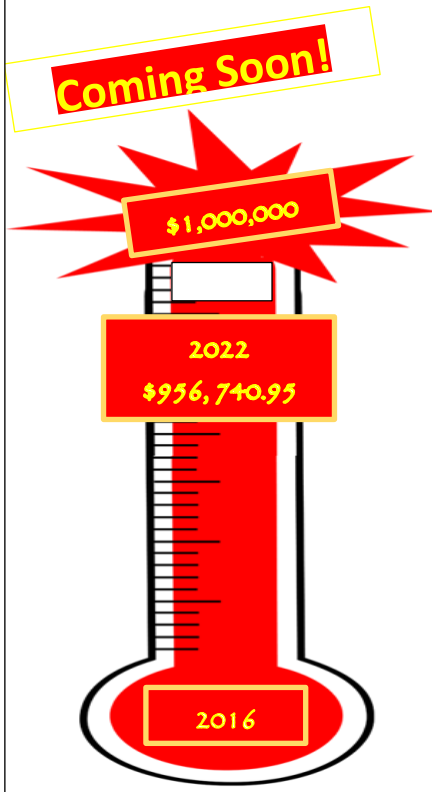
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Why We Need to Continue

Many American combat Veterans come home from war physically, but mentally they remain on the battlefield. They are imprisoned by their thoughts, crushed by Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). Suicide is chosen every day by 20+ warriors rather than to live with the devastating effects of PTSD and their invisible battle scars.

We now know from validated studies that specially trained Service Dogs can mitigate the horror of PTSD and help overcome the challenges that inhibit these veterans from fully returning to normal life after being at war. These Service Dogs are not “pets”. They are **MEDICINE**. They provide treatment for an unseen illness by opening doors both literally and figuratively for the veterans, performing tasks and behaviors that reconnect the veteran with family, community and each other.



**LET'S MAKE IT
HAPPEN**

Taking care of our veterans is a sacred obligation, one that the AHEPA Service Dogs for Warriors Program has undertaken with Honor. In answering the call of being ***OUR BROTHERS KEEPER*** we are given the opportunity to do something few have done. We have the amazing chance of saving the life of another person, one who answered the call to duty that only 1% of all citizens answer, so the remaining 99% can live free! What gift in our own life is greater than that? Together we can continue to save lives. Be a hero. Support the AHEPA Service Dogs for Warriors Program. Visit our webpage at www.ahepa-servicedogs.org for more information and to provide support. Through the AHEPA Service Dogs for Warriors Program we can all make a difference.

*George Karatzia, National Program
Chairman*

Funding Updates

As we near the end of 2022, it has been 6 short years that sponsors and donors, friends and family have supported the AHEPA Service Dogs for Warriors.

As we all continue our efforts to support our Veterans, we are nearing the *Million Dollar Mark* and we are not done!

Hurricane Update

The K9s Warrior Relations staff spent all day on Tuesday (Sept. 27, 2022) making sure every K9s graduate *and* every Warrior on our wait list who is anywhere in the path of the storm has a plan in place for the hurricane. We are on standby to help our Warriors in any way that we can!

Best Regards,
Elizabeth, K9s for Warriors

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Training Updates

Current training updates there are currently three AHEPA dogs in training: Tommy, Pericles, and Patrick. Our other dogs' places on the wait list have moved up significantly:

- #1 Atlas AHEPA
- #11 Ricey AHEPA
- #13 Beacon AHEPA
- #14 Molly AHEPA
- #15 Lucky AHEPA
- #17 Delphi AHEPA
- #18 Scotty AHEPA
- #19 Zoi / Zois AHEPA
- #20 Uncle Buck AHEPA

MORE UPDATES FROM K9s for WARRIORS



Tommy AHEPA

Guess what!?? I went on vacation this weekend. Well, it seemed like vacation to me. I got to go see my foster family. I had so much fun! I made a new friend and got to go out on a couple exciting adventures. The most exciting part though was the BEACH!!! I love the beach. My foster family told my trainer that I was an island boy for the weekend. I will say I did have a couple of fears with some unknown objects that made some strange LOUD noises, but my foster family helped me get acclimated to them a little bit. I was still a little unsure and was wondering when those objects were going to come alive again, but they never did. I cannot wait to

go on vacation again, but I am even more excited to be back at Camp K9 to learn more behaviors and train with my trainer.



Pericles AHEPA

Hi, it's me, Pericles AHEPA! I'm excited to tell you about my week! We started off the week by going to the movies. It wasn't my first time there, so I knew exactly what to do. I laid down and relaxed for most of the movie, even though it was super loud. I only got distracted a few times, but it was so dark and I saw people moving, so I just wanted to make sure I knew what was going on! The next day was even better... We went to an aquarium! I spent so much time staring at the fish in all the different tanks and I even tried to run with them! I've never seen a fish before, but they definitely looked super weird. There are still a few things I'm working on with my trainer throughout my time here. I get so excited when I see a new person that sometimes I sing to them so they know I'm there. My



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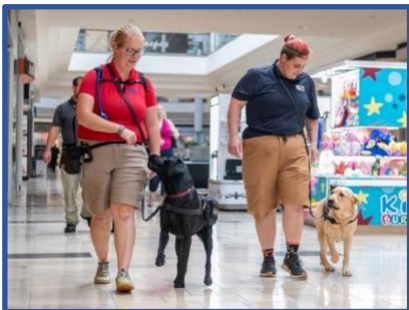


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trainer says my voice is beautiful, but that when we are inside working, I need to stay focused and save my singing for play time later!



Patrick AHEPA

Patrick AHEPA here checking in with another update! I am the cute blonde walking with my trainer! These last few weeks I've really been putting the work in on my skills! I've been doing a lot of impulse control where I get to make the decision to stay in my position and not go to try to play with treats or balls or humans. This week we worked on me staying down on a place bed with my brother Cody on another place bed and our trainer walked around us, sat next to us, played with a toy in front of us and talked to us in my favorite voice of hers. I knew I wasn't supposed to leave the bed. I did it once or twice but when she repositioned me, I started to understand that I shouldn't move my position. Once I stayed on my bed while she did weird things, I got a jackpot of treats! It's wonderful to do the right thing and get lots of treats!! I also really like working with my brother! Thanks for checking in! Time to go out into public and train!! Woof Woof!

UPDATES FROM AMERICA VETDOG'S

All the new AHEPA puppies are Labradors. The puppies have so much to learn before they are formally trained for a Veterans needs. The new learning experiences include housebreaking, good manners and obedience training. For the next 16 weeks or so. Once boosted puppies will then start to experience the outside world.



 Kathy AHEPA is with her puppy raiser at Patuxent Institution.



Rebellis AHEPA is with his puppy raiser at MacDougall-Walker Corredtional Institution 



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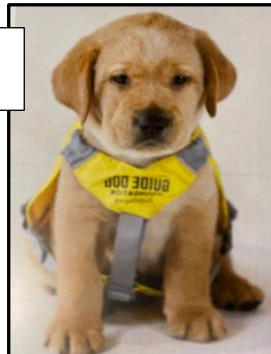
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🐾 Kage AHEPA is with his puppy raiser at Old Colony Correctional Center



Luke AHEPA is with his puppy raiser at Old Colony Correctional Center 🐾



🐾 Markos AHEPA is with his puppy raiser at Blackwater River Correctional Facility



Last month the Paw Patrol Newsletter had a Match the Dog with their Name. If you found it difficult to answer all you needed to do was go to the AHEPA Service Dogs for Warriors website <https://ahepa-servicedogs.org> and see all the progress in pictures, we have made in 6 years. All the dog photos are there with the names. **LET'S TRY AGAIN!** The first correct entry returned asd.secretary@gmail.com will win a Starbucks Gift card!

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Hints:

CJ _____ Penelope _____ Athena _____ Kreon _____ Mikey _____ George _____ Apollo _____



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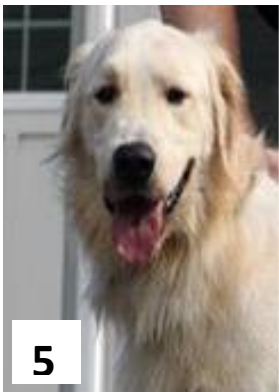
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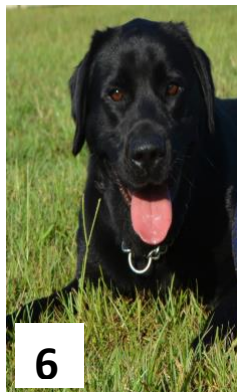
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