



K9S FOR WARRIORS

GIVE A NEW LEASH ON LIFE TO RESCUE DOG OR ZODIA AHEPAS AND MILITARY HEROES

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Dear AHEPA Service Dogs for Warriors/ Demetri Orfanitopoulos,

We want to express our sincere appreciation for your generosity and support. Your donation to K9s For Warriors is going to help change a warrior's life forever. Post-traumatic Stress Disability (PTSD) is the most prevalent disability our veterans are experiencing since 9/11. Here at K9s For Warriors, we are working to put an end to the effects of PTSD and save the lives of those who bravely served our country. After completing our program, our graduates return home with their service dogs to lead productive lives with dignity and independence.

The next step in this process is to search for **Doc or Zodia AHEPA**. The process of selecting, training and placing a service dog takes time, so the wait to find and place **Doc or Zodia AHEPA** will range from about 12 to 14 months. We ask for your patience during this time, because your continued support is what keeps us operating. Occasionally, a dog will "wash out" during training. This means that despite our best efforts, the dog was unable to become a service dog. Nevertheless, we will always find a home for a dog, whether they become a service dog or not. Though the wait is long, it is very important to us that we stay true to our commitment of providing warriors with the best trained dog.

With that said, the next step is putting all our efforts into searching for **Doc or Zodia AHEPA**. Potential dogs need to be a particular size, under two years old, healthy and eager to learn. Before we provide you with pictures of **Doc or Zodia AHEPA**, our trainers spend 30 days reviewing **Doc or Zodia AHEPA's** progress and identifying any medical conditions. This also gives us time to see how well he/she gets along with other dogs, people, children, and loud noises. After we make sure this dog is perfect for our program, you will receive a picture of **Doc or Zodia AHEPA** and he/she will start training!

Some dogs learn quicker than others, just like people. **Doc or Zodia AHEPA** must learn a great deal to be prepared to save his/ her warrior, so the length of the training depends on how fast the dog catches on. After intense training at both our facility and off-site, we are going to match **Doc or Zodia AHEPA** with a warrior. When matching dogs to warriors, we evaluate the warrior's home environment, extent of the potential disability(ies) and many other factors.

The warriors arrive to our facility on Sundays and receive their dogs on Mondays. You should know that sometimes unexpected things will happen, such as the dog and warrior not connecting with each other. In these rare cases, we will be sure to find another dog that fits perfectly with the warrior. Every warrior should have a chance at a normal life, so we are always prepared for the unexpected.



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On the first Wednesday of class, when we are confident in the pairing, we will let you know that you helped bring together a new, life-saving bond. You will also receive a picture of **Doc or Zodia AHEPA** and his/ her new warrior as well as an invitation to their graduation. We would be so happy to see you attend the ceremony!

Although there are no guarantees throughout this process, it is imperative to us that we provide our veterans with the best service canine possible. When the warrior completes our three-week program, we will have given them a new “leash” on life.

On behalf of the men and women we serve, we thank you. We encourage you to share this journey with your friends, family, or any other individuals that you believe would find this journey to be as amazing as we do.

Operation: **Finding Doc or Zodia AHEPA.**

Best regards and thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rory Diamond".

Rory Diamond
Chief Executive Officer
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