



VETERAN'S PUPPY FOR LIFE ORGANIZATION

"Helping to Heal Wounded Souls...One Puppy at a Time!"

VPFL Monthly Newsletter ~ October 2017

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What the Heck is PTSD? (Part 2)

We veterans and even we here at Veteran's Puppy for Life Organization sometimes assume everybody knows or understands what is PTSD. CEO and Marine Veteran Frank Griggs has created a series of short videos explaining PTSD and how Veteran's Puppy for Life's program works to help PTSD veterans have a better life. Click here to view the first video.

Our New Training Facility!

"Fleets cannot operate without bases." ~ MajGen John A. Lejuene, USMC Commandant 1920



Last month we announced a goal of having a facility from which Veteran's Puppy for Life Organization can grow to become a premier Service Dog Training Organization in Colorado.

We have found it, "Our

Facility"!

Help us name "our facility"! Sometimes when we are too close to something you're unable to think of certain things. **Our facility needs a name worthy of what we do, "Helping to Heal Wounded...Souls One Puppy at a Time!"**

Name Our Facility Contest: For the entire month of November we will be running a contest to come up with a worthy name instead of "our facility". Entries can be submitted on Facebook or by email to custsvc@vetpuppyforlife.org. The deadline is by November 28th. The winner will be announced on Facebook and in our December Newsletter.

The Winner Will Receive: The winner chosen by the Board of Directors will receive two tickets to our "Puppy Love Banquet" in February. The Winner and their guest receive tickets to an evening of Mingling, Dining, and Dancing (if you wish) at our first ever Banquet.



What Happens When You Get Forty English Cream Goldens with Their Owners Together? You Have a Howling Good Time!

A special thanks to Alyson of Snowstorm Goldens and Vicci of Sierra Knights Goldens for organizing and sponsoring a dog walk event with many of the puppies they have placed over the years. The walk, a huge success, was for Veteran's Puppy for Life! Thank you for all the donors who attended. Special Thanks as well to Chuck & Don's and Smart Cookie for their sponsorship and donations!

Meet Our Veterans & Puppies

Shane and Cadence

Shane and Cadence were our third puppy and veteran placed together. Cadence, an English



Golden Retriever is now 1 year and 9 months old. Shane recently spoke at an event for a group of English Golden owners to benefit VPFL.

"When we first interviewed for a puppy, Frank meet us in a restaurant and had me sitting with my back to everybody. It was

noisy, and people walking back and forth behind me. I was dizzy and extremely anxious having my back open like that. It was horrible." Sitting in a public place with their back open to people is extremely uncomfortable for those living with PTSD.

Shane went on to say, *"Now with Cadence in my life, I can sit in a restaurant with my back to the wall or I can sit with my back open to everybody in there. Cadence has been the best thing in my life. I would absolutely say that Veteran's Puppy for Life Organization has been worth all of the training and time it provided to Cadence and me."* Shane and Cadence graduated in May 2017.

Upcoming EVENTS

Veteran's Puppy for Life Organization
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We are a registered Colorado Charity and
IRS 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.



Platte River Bar & Grill - Texas Hold'em Tournament

Date and Time: **November 9th, Registration 6:00 p.m., Dinner 6:30 p.m., Game 7:00 p.m.**

Place: **Platte River Bar & Grill**

Address: **5995 S. Santa Fe, Littleton, CO**

Are you an extraordinary Texas Hold'em player? We have 44 open player reservations. The \$50.00 Dollar buy-in includes Mexican Buffet Food Line, 10,000 chips, and a chance to win the \$1,500 Grand Prize! Fantastic prizes awarded top eight players!
Sports Memorabilia Silent Auction!

Email reservation requests to custsvc@vetpuppyforlife.org. Only 44 spaces available for this Tournament!



Save These Dates!

November 23rd through December 31st "Loving Paws Gift of Hope Holiday Giving Campaign"

January 15th, 2018 Chipotle Dinner Fundraiser

February 8th, 2018 The First Annual "Puppy Love Banquet" Benefit for Veteran's Puppy for Life



Every non-profit organization relies on the charity of their donors and sponsors. This year we want to give all our supporters different opportunities to help.

We have four parts to our

"Loving Paws Gift of Hope Holiday Giving Campaign".

Four different ways in which you can help financially support Veteran's Puppy for Life Organization!

Your help allows us to continue

"Helping to Heal Wounded Souls...One Puppy at a Time!"

Shopping for the holidays? Black Friday, Cyber Monday, Holiday Giving, Shopping Anytime?



- Sign in at smile.amazon.com
- Chose "Veteran's Puppy for Life Organization" as your Charity.
- Every time you purchase an item here, we receive a donation!

#GIVINGTUESDAY™

November 28th 2017

**YOU CAN DOUBLE YOUR DONATION
TO VETERAN'S PUPPY FOR LIFE!**

Did you know that Facebook, and The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation will **MATCH up to \$2,000,000** to U.S. Nonprofits for those donating using Facebook's Charitable Giving Tools.



This is only on Facebook on #GivingTuesday, November 28th. Starting at 6:00a.m. MST.



Some donors would rather give on a set monthly basis. With our **"Friends of Veterans"** monthly recurring donation program you can provide a donation every month. You receive a tax deduction, VPFL has your support, and you know your are helping to match veterans living with PTSD with their puppy. (Coming December 1st)



December 31st
**Last Day To Make A Tax
Deductible Charitable
Donation For 2017!**

Veteran's Puppy for Life Organization is an IRS 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Your end of year donation is deductible! Discuss the donation with your tax consultant.

Wouldn't you rather make a donation that helps VPFL, than "contributing" your money to taxes? We know it is a busy time of year, we'll remind you by email after December 25th!