

**October 20, 2023 Raise the Paddle
"100 Service Dogs for 100 Veterans" Program**
<https://usavet.org/100-service-dogs>



The NEED: \$30k for Dog Training Equipment Package.

Training equipment to outfit 100 Service Dog Teams.

Service Dog vests, collars, training leashes, training tables, rubber floor matting, hand-pieces, hand instruments, doggie clean-up bags, food bowls, tug toys and dog beds.



The 100 service dogs for 100 veterans' program is a novel concept that was designed *by* veterans *for* veterans to stop veteran suicides.

The 100-service dog project can *save 2 lives* with each Service Dog Team trained. Not only the veteran, but also the life of a rescued kennel pup trained to become a service dog.

Results of the program will be lifesaving. Numbers matter. There is not a more important measure than the smile on the faces of veterans training their service dogs.



Program Milestones:

- Local Pierce County training camp created.
- Active website recruiting and educating veterans.
- 25,000+ veterans touched through an active outreach campaign.

Program Metrics:

- 65 applications to participate in program.
- 37 veterans and veteran families enrolled in training.
- 17 group training classes and 132 individual training sessions conducted.
- 11 dogs saved through training and being placed with a veteran.

Program Outcomes:

- 26 presentations made to local organizations.
- 56 industry and local consortiums support the 100-service dog project.
- 3 new programs created: Train the Trainer 'T3', National Service Dog 'Board and Train', Family Member Service Dog Training program.
- 25 trainers from across the US selected to participate in 'T3' event in November '23.

