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DSR Launches New Program to Support Vets

Since its inception in 2014, Dog Star Rescue has placed over 2,000 lost or unwanted dogs in new, loving, forever homes. Building off that success, DSR is proud to announce that it has launched a new program focusing solely on matching dogs with military veterans.

The new Dog Star For Vets program, DS4V, matches qualified veteran service men and women with deserving homeless or abandoned dogs, to provide each with a rewarding life experience. The matchmaking is completed by pairing a veteran with a specifically selected and evaluated rescue dog, based on the veteran's personality and lifestyle to make the perfect companion match.

Veteran companion dogs can improve veterans' mental well-being, motivate veterans to get up and go out in the world and enhance disabled veterans' transitions into civilian life. In return, the dogs receive the precious gift of forever homes with best friends who will give them the love and care that all dogs deserve.

It's a victory all the way around.

DSR is kicking off a special day of festivities on Saturday, May 18. From 2-4 pm, there will be a fundraising "tailgate" party at DSR Headquarters, 12 Tobey Rd, Bloomfield to benefit DS4V. Join us for great BBQ from Mission BBQ, Southington, music and fun.

Then, at 5 pm we will all move to Dunkin' Donuts Park in Hartford for a Veteran Dog Adoption at Military Appreciation Night with the Hartford Yard Goats. Meet adoptable dogs at the event and enjoy some great baseball, too! Tickets are available at EventBrite.



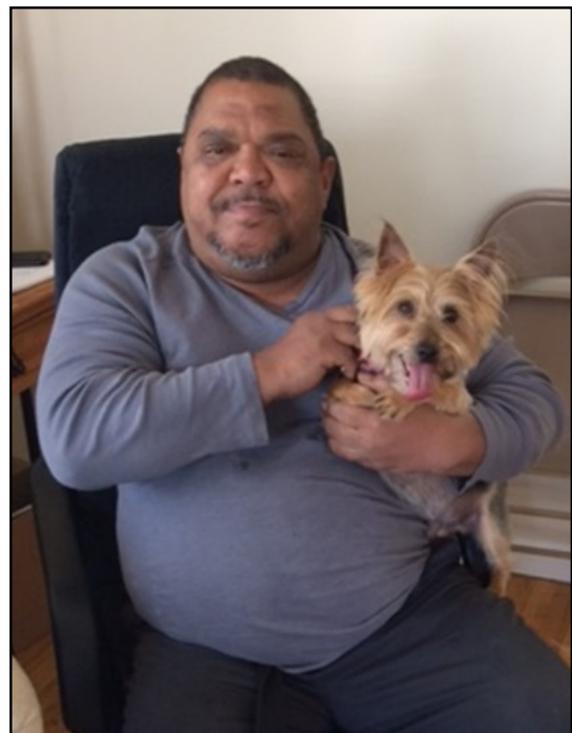
Meet DS4V's First Veteran and Dog Partners

By Editor Jill Perreault

I met Wayne at Stand Down at the Veteran's Administration Facility in Rocky Hill on September 21, 2018. He stood out in my mind because as soon as we met, I asked if he was interested in a companion dog, he replied, "I've been looking and waiting for someone like you for a long time."

If you're not familiar with Stand Down, it is an annual program sponsored by the VA. On that particular day Stand Down helped over 1,000 veteran attendees receive medical screenings, hearing and eye exams, dental check-ups, as well as support services for housing, employment, education and legal assistance - all at no cost. This was all thanks to the support of more than 250 volunteers and over 100 providers. Dog Star Rescue was there for the first time as a provider.

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Wayne and his new DSR partner, Neilsen

Upcoming Fundraisers and Events

Please join Dog Star Rescue at one of our exciting fundraising events. Meet the dogs and volunteers that are DSR. DSR is an entirely

Saturday, May 18 DS4V fundraiser party and Yard Goats. The Party starts at 2pm at DSR Headquarters, 12 Tobey Rd, Bloomfield, then at 5pm moves to Dunkin' Donuts Park for the game. Tickets available at www.eventbrite.com/e/dogstar4vets-barbecue-and-ballgame-tickets-60446446950

Thursday, May 23 What a great day to go to work! From 11am-2 pm., meet some of Dog Star's special adoptable dogs at Aetna Inc., 151 Farmington Ave, Hartford

Friday, June 7 Plant and Sip at Raymour and Flanigan, 15 Waterville Rd, Avon. From 6-9pm, join us for a night of Planting and Sipping and petting pups. Learn all about the rescue and have a wine! A portion of all ticket sales go to Dog Star.

Saturday, June 8 Dog Star at the Farmington Polo Grounds. Enjoy a great day of family fun with exciting polo, Dog Star adoptions and much more. From 4-8 pm at the Farmington Polo Grounds, 152 Town Farm Rd, Farmington.

Sunday, June 23 Dog Yoga (Doga) with DSR . What could be better than soothing, relaxing yoga? Yoga with pups, of course! Add some love and laughter to your routine at DSR Headquarters, 12 Tobey Rd, Bloomfield. From 9am-12pm. Tickets \$25, coming soon. All proceeds benefit DSR.

Saturday, July 27 DSR at the Yard Goats game, 6:30-10pm. We'll be there with adoptable dogs to cheer on our team!

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Wayne joined the marines right out of high school and spent time at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina and in Okinawa, Japan, serving for a total of three years. When asked if he'd enlist again, he enthusiastically responded, "Yes I would!" After the military Wayne worked as a long haul truck driver for many years. At one time he had his Yorkie, Milo along with him for company.

I asked what a companion dog will do for him, and Wayne replied, "companionship, get me out for multiple daily walks, help me deal with my depression."

Then I asked Wayne what he could offer to a companion dog? "Love."

Wayne didn't hesitate to offer some wonderful advice to other veterans who may be lonely or depressed, or just looking for some furry company. "Get a dog, be patient, give it a couple of weeks. There are a lot of dogs out there in shelters that need homes. Be open. I'm very happy. Thank you!"



DogStars4Vets successfully matched Wayne, our first veteran, with a 4 year old Yorkie, Neilsen at the end of March. Neilsen's face tells how happy he is to be living with his veteran and forever friend, Wayne.



Adoption Events

Dog Star Rescue partners with Petco, PetSmart and other supporting organizations to hold adoption events at least twice a month. To find an event near you, please visit our website and click on the link for Events.



DSR Volunteer Eagen works it with Walker on the runway

2nd Annual Rescues on the Runway a Howling Success!

Fashion, food and fun! A great time was had by all, and of course, the pups stole the show! Thank you to Betty Goldfarb for the pictures.

You're on next!



Volunteering with Dog Star Rescue

Would you like to help dogs find their forever homes? Help is always needed fostering, screening, handling dogs at adoption events and coming off transport. DSR volunteers must be 18 years of age or older, attend an orientation session and volunteer a minimum of 3 hours per month. For more about volunteering and to apply, please visit our website at dogstarrescue.org and select the link for Volunteer.

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