



PUPPIES ASSISTING WOUNDED SERVICEMEMBERS (PAWS)

Help train potential service dogs for your fellow Veterans.

PAWS is a pilot program at VA Palo Alto Health Care System (VAPAHCS) that provides Veterans with PTSD the opportunity to train service dogs for fellow Veterans. The pilot program may assist Veterans with improving their wellbeing and helping them to thrive.

Who can participate?

Outpatient Veterans:

- With current symptoms meeting criteria for PTSD.
- Who are enrolled in a VA Medical Center PAWS Pilot Site.
- Who have had an appointment with Primary Care, Mental Health, Whole Health, Recreation Therapy or Social Work within the last 3 months.
- Who have been screened and approved by the VA PAWS Psychologist Evaluator.
- Who can attend weekly training for 8 weeks.

How can you be referred?

Talk to your primary care provider, Social Worker, Recreation Therapist, Mental Health, or Whole Health provider and ask to be referred to the PAWS Pilot Program.

Scan the QR code to watch a short video.



Meet Joseph, a Desert Shield, Desert Storm combat Veteran, who shares his experience with the PAWS Pilot Program at the VA Palo Alto.



Scan the QR code or visit <https://bit.ly/PAWSPage> to learn more about the program. For more information, email vhapalpawspilotprogram@va.gov.

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