

## HANK'S and ELI'S FUND

Providing veterinary care for the service animals of Veterans and Retired Military Animals

Service animals play a vital role in the lives of our nation's service men and women. By supporting Hank's & Eli's Fund, you have the unique opportunity to help our service men and women heal and thrive in civilian life.

## We support veterans with the following services:

- 1. Provide veterinary medical care for retired Military Working Dogs (MWD)
- 2. Provide veterinary medical care for service animals of veterans who are medically retired due to service related injuries to include PTSD
- **3.** Provide service dogs for veterans when determined that a service animal might benefit the treatment for that veteran
- **4.** To cover extraordinary Veterinary medical expenses for pets of active duty personnel (not every day or ordinary procedures like vaccination, deworming, etc.)

## Hank's Story

by William Cole

Guardian angels come in all shapes and sizes, natural and supernatural, and sometimes you won't ever get to meet that guardian angel. One of my guardian angels came in the shape of a Labrador retriever who goes by the name of Hank.

Following four combat deployments in Iraq and Afghanistan with the 75<sup>th</sup> Ranger Regiment, I was lost and struggling in ways that I was not used to. I had always been a strong minded individual and I struggled with asking for help. When I did ask for help, I only seemed to be going backwards. I was stuck in a cyclic pattern of depression, anxiety, and insomnia. Hank was my last ditch effort.



I was tired. Hank started to pull me out of that rut by opening my heart and showing me what it was like to love something again. The emotions that I began to feel were positive, and unlike what I had been feeling for the past few years. I was able to build a foundation on those emotions. Hank was always there for me. He made my happy, he relieved my stress, and he knew me better than I knew myself. He starting the healing process, and he saved my life.

Little did I know, I would have the ability to be his guardian angel and save his life a few short years later. Out of that darkness came this incredible organization, "Hank's and Eli's Fund." Now we can help others who depend on their animals like I depend on Hank.

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