



Veteran's Pet Adoption Program – Palmyra, VA
Caring For Creatures
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Caring For Creatures is pleased to join other area shelters as a partner in the Veteran Pet Adoption Program established by *Coming Home Well*.

Coming Home Well (CHW), a 501 (c)(3) veteran non-profit organization based out of Charlottesville, VA, believes in a holistic approach to combating the epidemic of veteran suicide. CHW approaches this epidemic through addressing common issues faced by veterans, addressing their needs for security, companionship and purpose, or as Captain Bob, CHW's co-founder puts it, "a house, a dog, and a job." Studies have overwhelmingly shown that companion animals can help ease depression and potentially save lives. CHW's goal is to see that every community offers veterans an option to adopt a rescue animal, at no cost, thus saving two lives at once.

Program Details for Veteran Adoption – Caring For Creatures

1. Identification of appropriate companion animals and management of the application process will be coordinated by the following individuals. Any questions regarding the program should be directed to them:

Dog/Cat Adoptions: Mallory O'Connor (Adoption Coordinator)
434-842-2404
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2. All branches of the military are eligible, including National Guard and Reserves members. Proof of veteran status and a valid ID (driver's license, state issued ID card, etc.) are required.
3. Specific canine candidates will be identified on our website profiles with an American flag graphic on their main profile pictures, but are not exclusive to the program. Veterans are encouraged to visit our sanctuary and meet all of our animals. If a veteran finds a special connection with a dog not identified for the program, our adoption coordinator will assess whether or not the adoption will be successful. Specific feline candidates may be identified, but all felines are available for adoption through the program.
4. Veterans interested in adopting an animal will fill out the standard Caring For Creatures application. Our adoption coordinator will review the application and contact the veteran to arrange a day and time to visit the sanctuary to meet possible companion animal matches in the same process as other applicants.
5. All fees associated with the adoption of the veteran's companion animal will be waived as part of the Veterans Pet Adoption Program.
6. A one to three month's supply of flea/tick control and heartworm prevention will be provided at the time of adoption, as quantities allow. A minimum of one month of prevention *will* be provided.