

Guardian Angels for Soldier's Pet

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(Contact through the organization's website)

Guardian Angels for Soldier's Pet incorporated in the state of Arkansas (Headquarters is located in TX) on 28 January, 2005 after founders Linda Spurlin-Dominik and Carol Olmedo learned that military service members across the country had pets that needed a caring and safe home to care for them during the pet owner's deployment or an unforeseen hardship situation, but had not been able to find someone to care for them. This left the deploying heroes or veterans with only one option, which was to legally surrender their pets and pet ownership rights to an animal shelter or rescue group never to see their pets again, know if they got a new good home, or ended up being euthanized.

We are not an animal shelter or rescue organization involved with re-homing of pets owned by the military community or a resource to assist shelters/rescues with re-homing situations involving military owned pets that have been legally surrendered to a specific shelter/rescue.

Guardian Angels for Soldier's Pet® is a national all-volunteer 501(c)3 Military and Veteran Support Organization assisting active duty service members, wounded warriors, veterans, and their beloved companion animals or assistance service canines through various assistance programs. These programs include: the Military and Veteran Pet Foster Home Program, Military Pet Assistance fund, and the Warriors' Angels Program (TX only). Unless stated otherwise programs are available in all 50 states and all Branches of Service including National Guard and Reserves.

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WHO WE HELP:

If your particular situation is not defined below, we recommend doing an Internet search using words "military pet fostering" to determine other groups/organizations (national, state, and local levels) providing similar military pet fostering services and who may have available resources to assist with your particular situation.

Deployments

- **Active Duty:** single and dual military couples whose units have received deployment orders related to a combat or peacekeeping or humanitarian mission. (*Foster term up to 1 year*)
- **Family of Deploying Service Member:** assistance related to a major medical situation (e.g., MS, Autism, spouse or child wheelchair bound) within the immediate family that would have an impact for the family to care for their beloved pet during the spouse's deployment. (*Foster Term - same as deployment term*)

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Hardships

- **Wounded Warrior:** assistance related to a medical situation (combat injuries, TBI, PTSD, Cancer or other major medical issues) by working with the various VA medical assigned representatives (mentor, counselor, social work, etc.), military medical facility (assigned Primary Case Manager) or the military Warrior Transition Unit (WTU) or Warrior Transition Battalion (WTB) program. *(Foster Term between 2 - 12 months dependent on situation)*
- **Honorable/General Discharged Veteran:** assistance related to major medical (e.g., PTSD, TBI, Cancer, etc.) situations by working with the various VA Medical Center representatives (mentor, counselor, case manager, etc.) across the country. *(Foster Term between 2 - 12 months dependent on situation)*
- **Homeless Veteran:** assistance involving a homeless situation by working with the various VA and/or VA approved "Homeless Transition" program representatives (mentor, counselor, case manager, etc.) *(Foster Term between 3 - 12 months dependent on situation)*
- **Military Family PCS:** out of the country including Hawaii and taking their pet(s) with them, but due to airline restrictions (weather related) or regulations related to shots and quarantine requirements pet(s) are unable to travel at the same time as military service members. *(Foster Term between 3-6 months)*
- **Fallen Warriors:** Families impacted by the loss of a loved one who has paid the ultimate sacrifice (KIA or Suicide related) and is being supported through a "Survivors Outreach Services" (SOS) or "Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors: (TAPS) representative feels with everything unexpected happening at the moment they are unable to properly care for the MSM/family pet or pets may need our assistance. At the end of the foster term the family needs to pick up the pet or pets whether at that time they decide to keep the pet or pets or surrender the pet or pets. *(Foster Term up to 3 months)*

Situations We Are Unable to Assist Pet Owner

- Individuals joining the Armed Forces going to Basic and Advanced Training as they are not considered an Active Duty Military Service Member until after graduation from AIT and officially assigned to a specific military installation
- DOD Employees/Independent Contractors who have accepted positions out of country, though they may be considered as supporting the deployed troops.
- Families PCSing out of country that have chosen not to take their pets with them where the PCS with a tour of duty longer than 1 year in duration.

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