

*“Allen Parton returned from assisting in the aftermath of the Gulf War with horrific injuries and mental scars. His assistance dog Endal enabled him to rebuild his life, maintain his marriage and rebuild relationships with those around him. These are dogs of ability and we should be proud to be in partnership with them”*



Allen Parton (Founder), with EJ his dog.

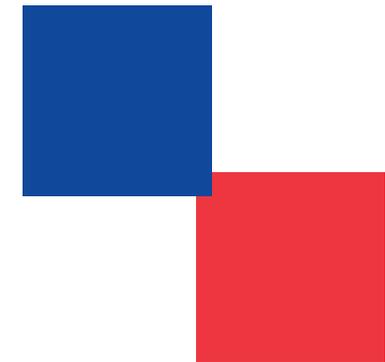


## Information Leaflet

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## About Us

There are currently 900,000 ex-service people in Britain with disabilities. A high proportion of these would benefit from having an assistance dog, but only a small handful do. This charity is set to change this. Ex-service people do not want to be seen with a "badge of disability"; they are uncomfortable with the concept having been independent, fit, mentally able for their entire lives so far. Currently assistance dogs are portrayed as assisting with domestic chores however, these sorts of people are outward bound types, they want assistance to carry on as they did before.

Our purpose is to provide specially trained assistance dogs to injured and disabled men and women of both the UK Armed Forces and Civilian Emergency Services. Through this provision we hope to give these men and women an enhanced quality of life in line with their expectations. We will also be able to provide help and practical support to help them achieve this.

Hounds for Heroes is about enablement, independence and an enhanced quality of life for so many injured personnel. We are here to make a difference".



## What makes us different?

Hounds for Heroes will give guardianship of the dog to the client, retaining full ownership of the service dog jacket. This way the charity can remove the ability of a dog to be an assistance dog, but that dog will always be a person's pet. Retaining the intense bond that they will no doubt build during their life together. This is unlike all other assistance dog charities who retain ownership of the dog.

Having a Hounds For Heroes dog will be a badge of honour. The jacket will be decorated with the client's service insignia and any medals they have achieved will be embroidered onto the jacket.

Instead of training our dogs to do 100 different things, each dog will be specifically trained to deal with each individual client's need. It is not good having a dog that can load a washing machine when it belongs to a young man who needs to be able to order a drink at the bar and pay for it.



## How else will our dogs help?

Not only will our dogs be able to assist our clients with the physical aspect of their injuries they will also be able to help the clients and their families cope with mental trauma and stresses that come from being injured during service. Of the 95 married service people injured during the Gulf War, only 10% of the marriages survived. You can tell a dog anything, and they will never judge you and always love you.

Our dogs will not only benefit the client but also their immediate and distant family members as well as provide a focus point for the general public enabling conversation to flow.