



The mission of the AfghanDogZ™ Program is to rescue stray or abandoned dogs from the war zone in Afghanistan. This process is accomplished through a strategic partnership with a rescue organization in Afghanistan.

Many of these stray dogs are adopted by American soldiers in Afghanistan. Some soldiers are able to get their dogs home to their families; others cannot. These “abandoned” dogs thus become available for programs such as AfghanDogZ™.

Upon their arrival in the United States, these dogs are placed into the paws4prisons™ / SlammerDogZ™ training program within federal prison facilities. Here, the dogs are rehabilitated and taught basic/advanced obedience skills by the federal inmates within the program.

Upon graduation from training, the AfghanDogZ™ / SlammerDogZ™ will be placed with veterans suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), complex PTSD and/or Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) as a tool to aid them in their recovery process and to reconnect them with personal relationships in society.

While paws4vets™ does obtain abandoned dogs from shelters in the U.S. for training and placement with physically or mentally disabled children and seniors, the dogs rescued from the Afghan war zone provide a very unique, amazing and important psychological dimension for soldiers suffering from Complex - Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (CPTSD) and/or Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) because these dogs “share” the Veterans’ trauma caused by their mutual experience in a war zone. This is an added tool to help both the dogs and wounded Veterans through their recovery process.

Our first AfghanDogZ™, “TAZIE”, arrived from Kabul in May 2009 and she is currently being rehabilitated and trained by two female inmates at a prison in West Virginia. She is progressing magnificently and she has captured the hearts of both the inmates and prison staff. She will be a real “life-changer” for one of our wounded soldiers !

The next dog in line to be rescued by AfghanDogZ™ is “EBONY.” EBONY is a Shepherd-mix, used in surgical experiments and was starving and emaciated when she was rescued. She has been rehabilitated and is now waiting in Kabul to begin her new life and mission in America.

The next dog in line to be rescued by AfghanDogZ™ is “GOLDEN.” Golden is a Golden Retriever-mix. She has currently been rehabilitated by our partners in Kabul, and should be ready to travel by late July or in August.

These dogs, and the others that will follow them, will all provide wounded Veterans with “life-changing” unconditional love, companionship and service.



AfghanDogZ™

Rescuing & Rehabilitating Dogs from the War Zone

a paws4vets™ program

Trained by Federal Inmates - Placed with Veterans with PTSD

The AfghanDogZ™ Program rescues stray or abandoned dogs from the war zone in Afghanistan. Many of these stray dogs were adopted overseas by American soldiers serving in Afghanistan, a country devastated by war and poverty. Some soldiers are able to bring the dogs home to their families, but others can not. These dogs become available for programs like paws4vets™' AfghanDogZ™ Program. This process is accomplished through a strategic partnership with a rescue organization in Afghanistan.

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Upon graduation from training, the Afghan / SlammerDogZ™ will be placed with veterans suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), complex PTSD (C-PTSD) and/or Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) as a tool to aid them in their recovery process and reconnect them with personal relationships in society.

As you will see in the detailed budget on the back of this flyer, the total cost for each rescued dog for its odyssey from Kabul, rehabilitation and training, and customized matching and placement with a wounded warrior by the paws4vets™ staff is \$7,731.74.

Thanks to a generous donation from Middleburg, Virginia, resident Elaine Broadhead, the first Afghan / SlammerDogZ™, TAZIE, was transported in May 2009 from Kabul to her new home, life and mission in America. TAZIE, pictured below, is currently being rehabilitated and trained by two female inmates at a prison in Bruceton Mills, West Virginia.

If you would like to help sponsor a dog rescued from Afghanistan, like Elaine Broadhead did, for inclusion in the paws4prisons/paws4vets™ K-9 Training Program and eventual placement with a veteran, please visit: www.AfghanDogZ.paws4vets.org.



TAZIE—The first Afghan / SlammerDogZ™, has begun her new life in America thanks to Elaine Broadhead, her rescue sponsor.

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Sponsorship Budget

“Bring Me to America” Sponsorship

Air Transportation: Kabul Afghanistan to Islamabad, Pakistan to JFK Airport, New York	\$2,600.00
International Fund Transfer Fee	\$ 50.00
Ground Transport from JFK, New York to paws4prisons™ / paws4vets™ Training	\$ 350.00
Mandatory Program Entry Veterinarian Examination (before entry into paws4prisons™ /	\$ 100.00
Total “Bring Me to America” Sponsorship Cost	<u>\$3,100.00</u>

“Get Me to a Wounded Warrior” Assistance Dog Sponsorship

Ground Transport from JFK, New York to paws4prisons™ / paws4vets™ Training Facility: Bruceton Mills, WV, Alderson, WV, or Jesup, GA	\$ 436.40
K-9 Training Expenses (6-months)	\$ 1,880.34
General Maintenance: Food, monthly preventative medications, training supplies,	\$ 605.00
Veteran Selection & Processing Expenses	\$ 1,060.00
Veteran / K-9 Transfer Training Expenses	\$ 650.00
Total “Get Me to a Wounded Warrior” Assistance Dog Sponsorship Cost	<u>\$ 4,631.74</u>

Complete Sponsorship* **\$ 7,731.74**

**A breakdown of Sponsorship Costs are available upon request.*

These sponsorships bring life-changing benefits to the veterans, inmates and dogs participating in the AfghanDogZ™ / paws4vets™ Program, providing all involved with a new lease on life. While we are soliciting corporations and individuals who have the financial resources to donate the complete \$7,731.74 Sponsorship for an AfghanDogZ/paws4vets Assistance Dog, we know that many individuals who want to help are not able to donate at that level. Therefore, we also welcome donations in any amount from multiple individuals to help us fund the “Bring Me to America” Sponsorship and/or “Get Me to a Wounded Warrior” Assistance Dog Sponsorship for the dogs and wounded veterans on the AfghanDogZ™ / paws4vets™ waiting list.



EBONY was used in surgical experiments and was starving when she was rescued. She has been rehabilitated and is waiting in Kabul to begin her mission in life as an Assistance Dog for one of our wounded veterans. To help with a full or partial sponsorship of EBONY, please contact Diana Keesee at (540)882.3327 or dianakeesee@gmail.com or visit www.AfghanDogZ.paws4vets.org.

