



## **OUR MISSION**

**TO UNITE AND SUPPORT  
VETERANS AND PETS  
FOR THE ENHANCEMENT  
OF BOTH OF THEIR LIVES**

K9 Camo Companions has a dedicated team of volunteers fully committed to our mission.

Our team of trainers, organizers, support staff and Veterans work diligently to make this program a success for all who seek our assistance with pet ownership.

We accomplish our mission by meeting with Veterans in person after they apply to our program. Getting to know their needs and lifestyles, so we can better advise on their specific situation. Every match we make is tailored directly to that Veteran and that pet to ensure our most successful outcome.

**A lifetime of love and furry companionship.**

K9CC can assist Veterans with most disabilities from PTSD and TBI to physical limitations, but we also can be of service to Veterans without challenges who just need a simple helping hand with some supplies, spaying or neutering costs, training tips or meeting their new best friend.

### **22 VETERANS COMMIT SUICIDE EVERY DAY**

We don't claim to have all the answers when it comes to assisting Veterans who are hurting, but we know that often, having a companion animal to love and care for can make a world of difference.

If there is a chance of saving one Veteran, we must try.



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## K9CC VETERAN PROFILE

### *CURT HARRIS*

When asked what word he would use to describe himself, Army Sergeant Curt Harris said he would consider himself a little nerdy. Curt enjoys Marvel comics, arcade games and attending Comic-Con conventions. He unselfishly gave eight years to military service. During his time in the Army, Curt served in the Iraqi Freedom Campaign, his tours taking him throughout Iraq and the Middle East where he performed air defense. Part of his air defense arsenal was the C-Ram system which is used to detect and destroy incoming rockets, artillery and mortars and to provide an early warning in order to protect targets on the ground.

For his dedication and service, he was awarded the Iraqi Freedom Campaign Medal and an Army Commendation Medal, which is awarded to those distinguished by meritorious achievement, heroism or service. While Curt does not feel comfortable discussing his campaigns or the nature of his injuries, he is still receiving treatment and is slowly working toward recovery with his dog by his side.



Curt has a wonderful rescue dog, that he named Odin.

Odin was found by a caring soul on a frigid January night. Odin's paws were nearly frozen to the ground. It was a bit of divine intervention for Curt and Odin. Curt had met with our Founder for lunch the day before Odin was rescued. Odin stayed with a foster family for a few days and then the two of them met in person.

It was love at first snuggle.

The name, Odin, is associated with healing and victory and he surely has lived up to his name.

## K9CC PET SUPPLY SUPPORT

All of the pets K9 Camo Companions places with Veterans go to their forever home with every need met prior to placement. The pets we place are fully checked out by a local Veterinarian, vaccinated, spayed or neutered, microchipped, licensed and come with all the supplies they need in their new home at no charge to the Veteran. This includes a bed, kennel, leash, collar, food, treats, brushes, shampoo, toys, food and water bowls and anything else they may need.

We also offer continued pet supply support through our pet pantry for all K9CC Veteran members. The cost of pet ownership for the Veteran will never stop us from our mission of support for the Veteran and their pet for their lifetime of companionship.



**FOR PET SUPPLY SUPPORT CONTACT OUR  
PANTRY COORDINATOR DIRECTLY AT  
K9CCPETFOODCOORDINATOR@GMAIL.COM**

## DOG TIPS 101

K9 Camo Companions uses all positive training and reinforcement techniques when training dogs and in assisting the Veterans in our program. We encourage the Veterans to continue to enhance their dogs skill set as they bond and become a team.

Dogs communicate with body language, so they learn to read ours very well in order to survive in our world. In order for a good relationship to develop between a Veteran and their dog, we help them learn how to read each others signals.



Dogs love to play and learn. Three to five minute training sessions throughout the day will work better than one 15 minute session.

Always end a training session on a good note, even if you have to go back to a simple command that you know they can perform.