OPERATION AT EASE Inc. Facts & Figures

WHO we are: WHAT we do:

Operation At Ease Inc. (OAE) is a community based program dedicated to rescuing dogs of sound temperament from animal shelters and rescues. After being matched with a veteran, we offer a very close, individualized, guided training program, at no cost, for the purposes of providing Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) service dogs to veterans. If a veteran has a temperamentally suited dog, we will work with their dog as well. We work with all breeds and all veterans from all wars or other active service.

WHAT is PTSD:

PTSD is an anxiety disorder that develops in some people who have experienced a shocking, scary, or dangerous event. It can cause isolation and depression, which if left untreated, may lead to suicide or attempted suicide.

BENEFITS of PTSD Service Dogs:

The benefits of service dogs to our veterans include: helping to adjust serotonin levels and lower blood pressure; giving veteran sense of purpose during episodes of depression; and offers a calming effect. They also "protect" their handler by providing a buffer from crowds. These components are all necessary for many struggling with PTSD to fully function in society.

STATS on Shelter Dogs:

Approximately 7.6 million companion animals enter animal shelters nationwide every year. Of those, approximately 3.9 million are dogs and 3.4 million are cats. Each year, approximately 2.7 million animals are euthanized: 1.2 million dogs and 1.4 million cats (according to ASPCA.com). We can help to lower that rate even if only by one percent.

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HOW YOU CAN HELP

✓ Volunteer! OAE is always looking for people to help with fostering and transporting dogs, driving veterans, who need transportation to and from lessons and helping with events.

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- ✓ Shop our Amazon Wish List for much needed equipment.
- ✓ Shop Amazon Smile. This is the easiest way to support OAE. Amazon Smile will donate to OAE at no cost to you. Simply go to Amazon Smile and pick Operation At Ease Inc. as your charity of choice. Amazon will then send a small percentage of your purchase to OAE at no extra cost to you.
- ✓ Hold a fundraiser! Many people have hosted successful fundraisers for us. From Zumba classes and bake sales to church collections, we appreciate anything you can do to help.

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Finally, please consider a general, tax-deductible donation.

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Saving one life will greatly benefit the other.