

MAJOR AND HALIA

In 2006 my wife bought me a Labrador, named Major after my recent promotion. Major found his own ways of taking care of me, sensing my needs and became, most accidentally, my first service dog. Major was followed by Halia and eventually the rest of our canine family. This was the genesis for Hero Labradors.



SERVICE DOGS

FOR THOSE WHO SERVED



ON JUNE 21ST 2005...

I was wounded by a roadside bomb while on a foot patrol in Baqubah, Iraq. I lost part of my left hand, full use of both hands, my eardrums, and large patches of skin on my legs and arms. I died twice on the way to Walter Reed Army Medical Center.

I spent many months in the hospital trying to get well enough to return to duty, which I eventually did, and went on to serve an additional 10 years, retiring in January 2015.

LET'S MAKE IT HAPPEN

Not every dog has the aptitude for service dog training. Not every dog has the drive, the focus, or even the intelligence. Many service dog programs go to animal rescues and shelters looking for dogs that can become service dogs, but it is rare that they find what they need. I decided if it wasn't happening, I was going to make it happen.





PUPS FOR THOSE WHO NEED THEM

OUALITY PUPS

We are producing quality, genetically sound, AKC registered Labradors with AKC Champion bloodlines. We select service dog training programs worthy of our dogs—and we give these dogs to them, free of charge, with only their guarantee they train and donate them to either a Disabled Veteran, Wounded Warrior, or First Responder (or their family members) who need them.

WE TAKE TRAINING PERSONALLY

ABSOLUTELY NOTHING

It costs training programs nothing to receive one of our pups. Hero Labradors has zero paid employees, we are all volunteers. Hero Labradors provides for the breeding, selection, healthcare, and transportation of these dogs to their training programs, requiring nothing from the trainers nor recipients.

WAYS YOU CAN HELP

Our operating costs, per breeding female, average over \$3500 per year! These costs include veterinary care, feeding, and specialized exams for breeding certification. Our second greatest need is transportation. We personally deliver pups to training programs nationwide, so pups can train near the veterans who receive them. We absorb these costs so the training programs, which are donating upwards of \$30,000 in specialized training for each veteran, do not have to fund receiving a pup.

DONATIONS

- \$4000 Sponsor of an entire litter! Add your name to the entire litter's AKC registered Pedigree
- \$2500 Sponsor a Pup. Add your name to a pup's AKC registered Pedigree
- \$1500 Buy a Pup (non-service dog)
- \$1200 Feed two adult dogs for a year

Any donation amount is grateful and tax deductible. Toys, bedding, food and goods, facilities improvement are also needed.

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