Warrior Dog Foundation – “Home with Handler” program

The "Home with Handler" program, plays a pivotal role in ensuring the well-being and seamless transition of our dedicated working dogs and their handlers into retirement.

The Warrior Dog Foundation is dedicated to honoring and preserving the extraordinary bond that exists between handlers and their K9 companions. Our aim is to make certain that this partnership endures well beyond their active-duty service. The "Home with Handler" program is an essential step in achieving this goal, as it establishes a secure and nurturing environment for our retired heroes, facilitating a smooth transition for both the dog and the handler and handler's family.

Working K9s are invaluable assets in our military and law enforcement units, showcasing traits and characteristics that make them indispensable on the field. However, their specialized training and abilities can pose challenges for individuals lacking experience with working dogs, potentially impacting the handler's family or those who share their homes. Our "Home with Handler" program addresses this issue by implementing secure habitats within the handlers' homes.

The Warrior Dog Foundation is committed to supplying or assisting qualified handlers with a secure kennel structure for placement at their homes, enabling them to adopt their K9 partners and bring them into retirement. These standalone kennel structures are equipped with essential features such as security measures, temperature control with heating and air conditioning, and indoor-outdoor accommodations. Ultimately, this program ensures a conducive environment for both the K9 and the handler’s family to coexist seamlessly.

Here are some key benefits of this program:

1. **Preservation of the Unbreakable Bond: By allowing these loyal dogs to stay with their handlers, we maintain the unbreakable bond they've formed throughout their service, offering both stability as they transition into retirement.**

2. **Seamless Adaptation: The program minimizes environmental changes, ensuring a quicker and smoother transition to their forever homes for our K9 heroes, eliminating unnecessary stressors.**

3. **Expanded Support: As a result, we free up valuable kennel space at the Warrior Dog Foundation's rehabilitation facility, enabling us to extend our support to more handlers and their K9 partners.**