



RSB OPK9

Restoring Hope

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Real Outcomes

General Veteran Facts



1 in 12
will experience
PTSD whilst
serving



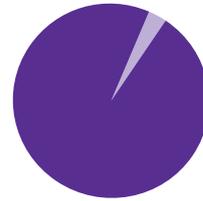
1 in 6
will experience
PTSD after
service

2x
greater than
the incidence
of general
population

RSB Assistance Dogs the facts



42
teams
graduated



97.8%
success
rate

RSB Assistance Dogs enable veterans with PTSD to live better lives



40%
increase in
mobility &
exercise



31%

decrease in meeting
PTSD Criteria



15%
reduction in alcohol
consumption

20-45%
increase in
Social
Connection

20-40%
decrease in depression,
anxiety and stress

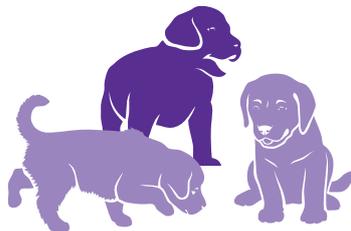
Qualifiable Trends

- reduced suicidal thoughts
- reduced reliance on medications
- increased sense of purpose

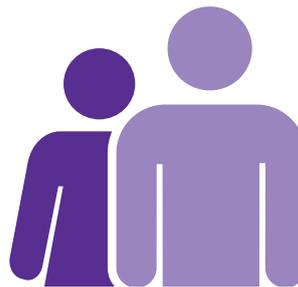


Why our program works

137
years of
experience



world class
breeding



internationally
accredited
specialist trainers



world recognised
quality training
programs

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The Program

The RSB OPK9 Program commenced in 2013 and provides trained psychiatric dogs to veterans with PTSD. RSB has supported 34 veterans successfully through the program prior to commencing a contract arrangement with Department of Veterans' Affairs. Since October 2020, the program has supported an additional 8 veterans through the OPK9 Program.

The OPK9 Program combines a veteran-centric approach along with a comprehensive program that responds to each veteran unique experience and circumstance. Offering choice and control throughout the program provides a unique and genuine opportunity for veterans to shape their own recovery pathway.

The RSB OPK9 program has developed an unparalleled international genetics and breeding program for assistance dogs, along with expert knowledge and experience in supporting veterans with PTSD.

The OPK9 program has a central role in ensuring veterans with PTSD gain a path to recovery. Improvements in quality-of-life indicators, reduction in suicidality and access to suitable programs for veterans with PTSD aligns directly with whole of government policy and strategy.

Veterans with PTSD have received a RSB OPK9 assistance dog through DVA. For more information on the DVA program and how to apply go to the DVA website dva.gov.au/dogs

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Real Impact

“If it wasn't for the work this team does, a lot of us veterans wouldn't be here today. ”

“ She has given me a reason to still be here ”

“ When I walked in, I saw her. She just got up, and came over to me and put her bone in my lap and that was it... ”

“ Her presence on my bed next to me a the most reassuring thing I know. ”

“ She's probably my best friend. Don't tell my wife. But she's not judging me. She's improved my day. Every day. ”

“ I no longer look at a glass half full. I no longer look at a glass as half empty. Now I just see the glass. He just helps me see things differently. ”

