



# FACT SHEET



**Defence Bank**  
FOUNDATION

## HOW TO SPONSOR A DEFENCE COMMUNITY DOGS ASSISTANCE DOG

It costs over \$30,000 to train each Defence Community Dog to Assistance Dog level and provide it free of charge to a Veteran who need physical and emotional support for mood, depressive and anxiety disorders including Post-traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD).

When you choose to sponsor a dog through Defence Bank Foundation, your donation will fund the rescue of an abandoned dog and cover all costs of the dog's training. This includes rescue fees, boarding, feeding, vet bills, flea and worming treatments and over 200 hours of professional training required to prepare the dog for life as an Assistance Dog to a Veteran in need.

### You can help by sponsoring a dog today

**Option 1:** \$30,000 upfront sponsorship

**Option 2:** 2 x \$15,000 installments within an 18-month period

When you choose to sponsor a dog through Defence Bank Foundation, your contribution will be recognised with:

- A fully tax-deductible receipt
- A welcome letter of thanks
- A Dog Sponsorship certificate
- Recognition on our website (optional)
- Personalised updates on your dog at graduation, 6 months and 12 months after graduation



**To apply to be a sponsor or to find out more, please email [info@dbfoundation.com.au](mailto:info@dbfoundation.com.au)**

### *Did you know?*

*It normally costs over \$30,000 to train a dog to Assistance Dog level! Thanks to the help of specially selected inmates at correctional centres, and our many volunteers – including our Director of Dog Training, Steve Austin – we are able to keep these costs to a minimum.*

### About us

**Defence Bank Foundation** is a registered independent charity with DGR status, established to support serving and ex-serving Australian Defence Force members. The Foundation raises funds to pay for the Defence Community Dogs program. It costs over \$30,000 to train and handover each dog and this cost is met by The Defence Bank Foundation through donations and sponsorships. The sole beneficiary of the Foundation is the Defence Community Dogs program. All donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

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**Defence Community Dogs** has been managing its Assistance Dog training program at correctional centres since 2014 and since that time, has successfully placed more than 50 Assistance Dogs with Veterans throughout Australia.



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