

MOSS CREEK MARINES OPERATION HELPING HERDES



Helping With K9's For Warriors Service Dog

ADOPTED HERO NO. 48 LGpl AMY WITH ANGEL





Warrior-Canine Stories: Amy &

ANGEL

Amy served for just shy of six years in the Marine Corps, finishing her enlistment as a LCpl. She was deployed to Iraq where her duties included being a "Lioness," searching female Iraqis at checkpoints and making humanitarian trips to the locals.

Amy's search for a service dog began when she realized she needed help with anger and anxiety, post-service. She wanted to feel happier overall, and, being a social worker, she knew that "typical medications and therapy aren't always the best solution and I've wanted a dog for a long time. There were other agencies, but none had the reviews and ratings like K9s."

So, Amy applied and came to Camp K9 for the December class. She was paired with Chocolate Lab, Angel, who gave her the help she'd been wishing for.

"Week one was hard, but I <u>trusted</u> the process. I cried a lot, wondering how I would do this. And at week three I had a dog who LOVES to work; he loves me no matter if I'm high or low. He simply wants to make me happy. Numbing out is a real emotion and these dogs 'force' emotion out which then allows a veteran to feel again."

