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## MEDIA ALERT

### Presenting ARF's Pets for Vets Video

*Veterans who have been matched with dogs through ARF's program speak about their experiences*

**WALNUT CREEK, California – March 4, 2016** – ARF is thrilled to present a new video highlighting the difference ARF's Pets for Vets program is making for local veterans.

Billy, Rosemary, and Robert are three of the veterans who have been paired with dogs as emotional support animals through the Pets for Vets program. In the video, they bravely share their experiences of difficulty adjusting to life after deployment, and the life-changing positive impact having a companion animal has made in their path to wellness.

The love of a pet can draw out even the most isolated personality, helping traumatized veterans overcome emotional numbness and improve their ability to communicate and bond. The matches made by the Pets for Vets program save two lives – a shelter pet heals and finds a loving home, and a veteran in need finds an antidote to isolation, a gateway to trust, and physical and emotional healing.

ARF is grateful to 24 West Productions in Lafayette for their generous time and talent in the filming and production of the Pets for Vets video. View the video, and learn more about Pets for Vets, at [www.arflife.org](http://www.arflife.org).

ARF's core mission is the rescue of dogs and cats who have run out of time at public shelters, giving them a chance at life until a new home can be found. ARF couples this focus with innovative programs strengthening the human-animal bond for children, seniors, veterans, and people in disadvantaged circumstances. Through ARF, people experience the unconditional love and acceptance of dogs and cats to fulfill a mission of "People Rescuing Animals...Animals Rescuing People..."®

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