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# EDUCATIONAL TOOLKIT



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YOUTH GROUPS



Thank you for your interest in learning more about Warrior Canine Connection (WCC) and our unique mission to bring the healing power of dogs to America's wounded Veterans. These resources are designed to educate young people about the important work we do, and inspire them to help us in this life-changing mission. Resources are most appropriate for K-12 students and can be used in classroom settings, for scouting badges, or with school-aged church or service groups.

As an accredited Service Dog Organization, WCC has its own breeding program—whelping approximately 10-12 litters of Golden and Labrador Retrievers each year at its national headquarters in Maryland. Purpose bred for health, temperament and longevity, WCC researches many generations of each dog's pedigree to ensure their genetic potential to become a successful Service Dog.

## "SCHOOLING"



Each WCC dog takes part in hundreds—even thousands—of hours of "schooling." By the time they graduate and are placed with a wounded Veteran, they will have studied everything from basic obedience and polite public manners, to highly-specialized skills such as turning on lights and opening doors.













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# What's the difference?

	SERVICE DOG	THERAPY DOG	COMPANION DOG
<b>Public Access</b> ADA protected law allowing service dogs to be in public.		Therapy dogs do not have public access beyond the facilities or spaces approved for therapy.	Companion dogs do not have public access.
<b>Specialized Training</b> Service dogs require extra time for socialization and training.			Companion dogs do not have special training to support those with disabilities.
<b>No Restrictions</b> Service dogs can travel and stay in places that other dogs can't.		Therapy dogs are usually approved for a specific facility. Additional public access is not required.	Companion dogs do not have ADA rights for travel, hotels and public access.
<b>Trained For One</b> Trained to assist a disability or specific task for one person.		Therapy dogs see lots of people and may have more than one handler.	Companion dogs and pets are usually shared and enjoyed by the whole family.
<b>Is 'Paw'some</b> No matter what career our dogs choose, they are all the best!			

## Teacher Resources!

Because of our special mission to support wounded Veterans and Military Families, we typically are unable to host school-aged groups at our sites. Therefore, we are excited to share with you these educational resources so that your young people can learn more about the important role Service Dogs play in supporting Veterans with visible and invisible wounds of war.

**CLICK HERE TO DOWNLOAD OUR EDU TOOLKIT WHICH INCLUDES:**

**BOOKMARKS HANDOUTS VALENTINES**  
**WCC TRADING CARDS COLORING PAGES FUNDRAISERS**

## VIDEO LINKS

- [NBC Nightly News Kids Edition](#)
- [Day in the Life of Stacy](#)
- [Fun Facts Video](#)
- [24/Hour Puppy Cam](#)



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