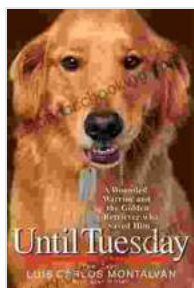


# Wounded Warrior and the Golden Retriever Who Saved Him

In 2009, Marine Sergeant Justin Hansen was deployed to Afghanistan. During a patrol, his unit was ambushed and Justin was shot in the leg. The bullet shattered his femur and left him with a traumatic brain injury.



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Justin was evacuated to a hospital in Germany, where he underwent multiple surgeries. After months of recovery, he was transferred to Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland. It was there that he met Roki, a golden retriever trained to assist wounded warriors.

Roki quickly became Justin's constant companion. He helped Justin with his physical therapy, providing support and encouragement. He also helped Justin cope with the emotional challenges of his injuries.

Justin credits Roki with saving his life. "Roki gave me a reason to live," he says. "He helped me get through the dark days and find my way back to myself."

Justin and Roki's story is an inspiring example of the power of the human-animal bond. It is a story of hope, healing, and the unbreakable bond between a wounded warrior and his service dog.

## **The Benefits of Service Dogs for Wounded Warriors**

Service dogs can provide a number of benefits for wounded warriors, including:

- Physical support and assistance
- Emotional support and companionship
- Help with coping with PTSD and other mental health challenges
- Increased mobility and independence
- Improved quality of life

Service dogs are not just pets. They are highly trained animals that can provide invaluable support and assistance to wounded warriors. They are a source of comfort, companionship, and unconditional love.

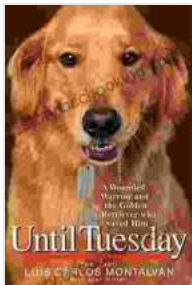
## **How to Get a Service Dog**

If you are a wounded warrior who is interested in getting a service dog, there are a number of resources available to you. You can contact the following organizations:

- Wounded Warrior Project
- American Red Cross
- Pets for Patriots
- K9s for Warriors

These organizations can provide you with information about service dogs, help you find a qualified trainer, and assist you with the application process.

The story of Justin Hansen and Roki is a testament to the power of the human-animal bond. Service dogs can provide invaluable support and assistance to wounded warriors, helping them to heal physically, emotionally, and spiritually. If you are a wounded warrior who is interested in getting a service dog, I encourage you to reach out to one of the organizations listed above.



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