



## Canadians Focus on Psychological Rehabilitation of Veterans in Ukraine With Launch of Service Dog Project for Ukrainian soldiers

Guardian Angels Ukraine is pleased to announce the launch of the [Hero's Companion](http://heroscompanion.org/) project—a Canadian initiative which aims to train service dogs for veterans and soldiers of the Ukrainian Armed Forces who continue to struggle with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder and other invisible injuries inflicted by combat operations resulting from Russia's invasion of eastern Ukraine. Hero's Companion is a project of [Guardian Angels Ukraine](#), a Canadian non-profit initiative of the League of Ukrainian Canadian Women, providing physical and psychological rehabilitation treatment for the growing number of Ukrainian military personnel injured and maimed while defending Ukraine against Russian military aggression.

Hero's Companion is partnering with [Courageous Companions](#), which has a solid track record of dedicated service to the men and women of the Canadian Forces. In Ukraine, the project will work with *Kinologen-Samariter Bund der Ukraine (KSBU)*, a leading organization in Ukraine training canines to the highest standards in fields such as search and rescue and bomb detection, as well as a team of psychologists from the *National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy*, to conduct a study on the effectiveness of psychiatric service dogs in the treatment of PTSD among veterans.

The project will officially kick-off in August 2015, when Canadian participants, including four Master Trainers from Courageous Companions, will travel to Ukraine for a 3 week mission.

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