



FIREFIGHTERS BURN INSTITUTE

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am honored to write this letter of recommendation for Hearts 4 Heroes. I have had the privilege of being Boots handler and being involved with Hearts 4 Heroes and the Paw Platoon for over three years.

During this time, I have witnessed firsthand the incredible impact Boots has had on our burn community as a dedicated therapy dog. Boots regularly visits Shriners, bringing comfort and encouragement to young patients, and plays an active role in supporting children at two burn camps. His presence provides not only emotional support but also a sense of hope and healing for those facing difficult recoveries.

In addition to his work with burn survivors, Boots also supports nursing students and healthcare professionals, offering stress relief and emotional grounding in high-pressure environments. The Paw Platoon further extends this mission by supporting individuals dealing with PTSD, fostering a strong sense of connection through training and peer support.

The partnership between Hearts 4 Heroes and FFBI has been truly immeasurable. Their commitment to service and community engagement is evident in every event they attend. Notably, Hearts 4 Heroes has elevated the Chiefs Challenge at our boot drive, setting a new standard through their dedication and ability to inspire others.

Boots is not only an asset but a symbol of compassion, resilience, and service. I wholeheartedly recommend Hearts 4 Heroes for any opportunity to continue their meaningful work within the community.

Sincerely,

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