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Update on Vet Dogs Previously Trained at BNL

Remember Boe and Budge?



Military Therapy Dog "Budge"

Boe and Budge, two military therapy dogs who [visited the Lab in December 2007](#) as part of their training, have been stationed in military field hospitals in Iraq where they provide companionship and a morale boost to recovering soldiers. The dogs completed most of their training at the Guide Dog Foundation (GDF) in Smithtown. The GDF has partnered with the U.S. Army, which provides for the safe handling of these dogs as a stress relief for soldiers.

In these photos, Boe is relaxing on a cooling mat donated by the Brookhaven Veterans' Association (BVA). The mat provides relief to the dogs during hot weather in Iraq. Budge, on the other hand, is busy playing catch. Captain Cecilia Najera of Combat Stress Control, 528th Medical Detachment, Iraq, who handles the dogs, sent a holiday card and these photos to the BVA thanking them for their support of Boe and Budge.



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