

## **News for Immediate Release**

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## SCI Forest Inmates Donate \$250 to Elk County Humane Society

**Marienville** – Inmates from the State Correctional Institution at Forest have donated \$250 to the Elk County Humane Society.

Hope for a Change, an inmate-run charitable organization, is dedicated to improving inmates' lives and giving back to the community.

The Elk County Humane Society provides the dogs for SCI Forest's *Pups Assisting Wounded Soldiers Program*.

Shelter dogs live at SCI Forest for several months. Selected inmates socialize the dogs and train them for the American Kennel Club Canine Good Citizen Award.

The dogs then are available for consideration by *Wags 4 Warriors*, an organization assisting veterans with traumatic brain injury or post-traumatic stress disorder.

If the dogs are not chosen by *Wags 4 Warriors*, the trained dogs are available at the Elk County Humane Society for adoption by the public.

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