

When:  
Tuesday, March 26,  
2013

6-7 p.m.

Where:  
Silver Spring Civic  
Building  
Fenton Room  
1 Veterans Place  
Silver Spring, MD  
20910

FREE! Open to the  
public, no RSVP  
required

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Health and Medicine

## Medical Museum Science Café **Operation Reboot: The Healing Power of Animal Therapy**

Warrior Canine Connection (WCC) is a therapeutic service dog training program designed to naturally reduce the symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and traumatic brain injury in veterans and service members. WCC is offered at the National Intrepid Center of Excellence on the campus of Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda. It has been proven that interaction with animals reduces biological and psychological symptoms of depression and stress responses as measured by cardiac reactivity and cortisol.



Friendly interaction with dogs can also increase our levels of oxytocin, a hormone shown to support the physiologic calm and social competence disturbed in PTSD. Hear more on how the program works and the future promise it holds for treating more than 300,000 Warriors suffering from PTSD. WCC dogs will also be on hand for the program!

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