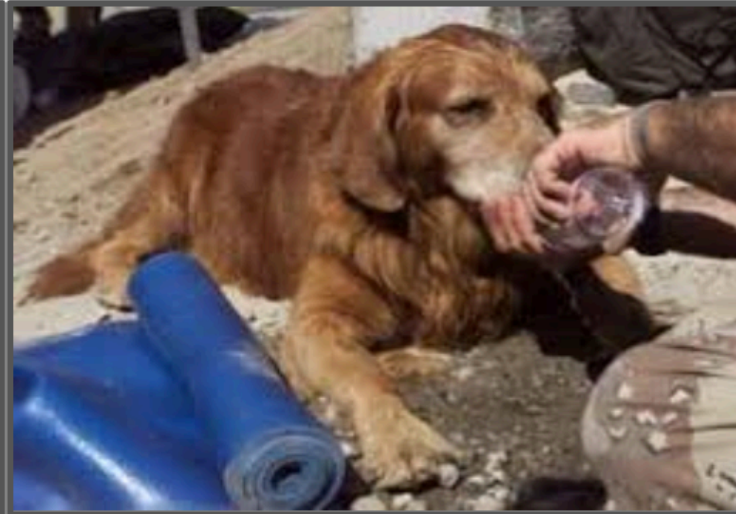


# The 9/11 Dogs



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**Dogs with a purpose:** During the aftermath of the horrible attacks of September 11, trained search and rescue dogs found so few living people, that it caused them great stress, sadness and bad health, because they believed they failed. Many dogs died as a result.

Handlers and rescue workers had to regularly hide in the rubble in order to give the rescue dogs a successful find, and keep their spirits up. Once the dogs felt they had found their purpose again, they continued to work hard again and find more survivors.

**Animals as therapy?** Animal Assisted Therapy (AAT) is a popular health care treatment plan. The owner feels a sense of responsibility to care for, love, and protect their animal and this brings fulfillment and happiness. The dog also feels a sense of purpose to care for and protect their owner.