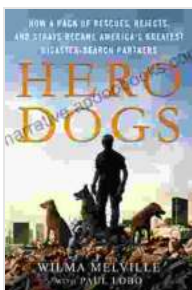# How a Pack of Rescues, Rejects, and Strays Became America's Greatest Disaster Search Dogs

In the aftermath of the 9/11 terrorist attacks, a group of unlikely heroes emerged: a pack of rescue dogs, rejects, and strays.

Hero Dogs: How a Pack of Rescues, Rejects, and Strays Became America's Greatest Disaster-Search Partners by Wilma Melville

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These dogs had been abandoned, abused, or neglected before they were taken in by a group of dedicated trainers who saw their potential. And in the wake of the attacks, they proved themselves to be invaluable members of the search and rescue team.

The dogs worked tirelessly, searching through the rubble of the World Trade Center for survivors. They also played a key role in the search and rescue efforts following Hurricane Katrina and other disasters.

The story of these dogs is an inspiring one, a testament to the power of second chances. It is also a story of the incredible bond between humans and animals.

The Dogs

The dogs who became America's greatest disaster search dogs came from all walks of life.

- **Bretagne** was a Golden Retriever who was abandoned as a puppy. She was adopted by a family who trained her to be a search and rescue dog.

- **Apollo** was a Labrador Retriever who was rejected from a breeding program because he was too small. He was adopted by a family who

trained him to be a search and rescue dog.

- **Trakr** was a German Shepherd who was rescued from a shelter. He was trained to be a search and rescue dog by a team of volunteers.

These dogs were all different breeds, sizes, and ages. But they all shared one common trait: they were all determined to make a difference.

The Training

The dogs who became America's greatest disaster search dogs underwent rigorous training.

They were taught to search for survivors in a variety of environments, including rubble, water, and woods. They were also trained to obey commands and to work as a team.

The training process was long and difficult, but the dogs persevered. They were driven by a desire to help others and to make a difference in the world.

The Missions

The dogs who became America's greatest disaster search dogs have been deployed to some of the most devastating disasters in recent history.

They worked at the World Trade Center after the 9/11 terrorist attacks, in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina, and in Haiti after the earthquake.
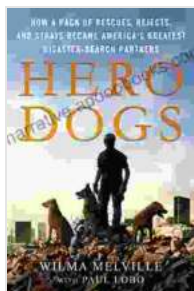
The dogs have also been deployed to search for survivors of avalanches, mudslides, and other natural disasters.

In each of these missions, the dogs have played a vital role in saving lives. They have located survivors who were trapped in rubble, they have found people who were lost in the woods, and they have helped to reunite families.

The Heroes

The dogs who became America's greatest disaster search dogs are heroes.

They have saved countless lives, and they have made a difference in the world. They are a testament to the power of second chances and to the incredible bond between humans and animals.

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