

## **Horses. Dogs. and Veterans**

VIETNAM

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Horses served our horse-soldier veterans, like majestic steeds of the wind.

War Dogs saved thousands in battle...for the love of their handler friend.

Wars end in victory or defeat, where amnesty delays the next round.

The vets came home and the animals were betrayed, while waiting for a kind hand.

They shot the horses and killed the dogs, rather than bring them home.

Veterans, loathed or despised by some Presidents, respected and loved by others.  
But nothing changes at war's end...

Old veterans are denied promised benefits, till most are dead or aging.  
Then nothing is too good and help repledged, if old hands can grab the ring.

Veterans, like war animals, are soon battered and discarded, and  
Promises, horses, dogs and veterans...all are soon forgotten.  
America has much to atone.