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ON THE COVER...

Meet Peaches, a Havanese mix rescued from the Klamath Falls Animal Shelter on January 9, 2015. Since then she has become a Certified Hearing Dog living with Elease H. in Medford, Ore. See page 10 for more on Peaches.

According to French-British cartoonist and Author George du Maurier, “An apple is an excellent thing — until you have tried a peach.” We here at Dogs for the Deaf agree.



LETTER FROM BLAKE MATRAY



So far this year, the staff here at Dogs for the Deaf has been hard at work. We've continued work on expanding our program offerings and have been very busy placing dogs and attending numerous nationwide events. As we move into the holiday season, we at Dogs for the Deaf pause to reflect on all the lives that have been elevated through the placement of Assistance Dogs from our organization. I'm grateful for the generosity of our donors and hard work of our staff and volunteers, which have allowed us to enhance numerous lives in the past year.

At present, we are working on bringing more national awareness to our Program Assistance Dogs. Late this spring, we placed two Program Assistance Dogs in Oregon – one in a high school and one in a mental health group home for young adults. These dogs are hard at work producing successful outcomes in their respective “offices.”

I'm especially proud of our recent Program Assistance Dog graduate, Hilton. Training Director John Drach and I rescued Hilton from the Klamath Animal Shelter in Klamath Falls, Ore. After completing his training at Dogs for the Deaf, Hilton was placed in a classroom at Ashland High School's Inspire Program in Oregon. Hilton helps in the classroom by providing a calming influence and increasing students' ability to focus, shaping positive student behavior by using

him as part of a reward system, and teaching responsibility as students are asked to help care for him.

In a further effort to spread the word about the benefits of our Program Assistance Dogs, we have a cut-out Program Assistance Dog brochure within this copy of Canine Listener (pg 29 and 30). You, our reader, can play an active role as part of the Dogs for the Deaf team by sharing this brochure with a teacher, counselor or physician who might benefit from one of our Program Assistance Dogs. For further information on Dogs for the Deaf Program Assistance Dogs, visit our website <http://www.DogsForTheDeaf.org/program-assistance-dogs>.

Dogs for the Deaf is looking forward to the arrival of 2016 and the opportunity to move our organization to new heights and a more robust future. As always, thank you to all of our donors, ambassadors and volunteers. We are very grateful for all you do to support our organization. I wish you all a wonderful holiday season and a happy new year.

Best regards,

Blake Matray
President & CEO

WE GET LETTERS

National Junior Honor Society is a program that we have at Lansing Charter Academy that emphasizes strong character and leadership development. One of the many projects that we participate in is fundraising for our school, our community, and for the world at large.

This year, we raised enough money to donate \$376.45 to your program. What your charity does is truly amazing, and we are proud to be a part of that help. One of my students found your charity and got our entire group involved in motivating them to raise money to provide dogs for those suffering from severe autism.

Please let me know if there is anything we can do to further help your program in the future. Thank you very much!

*Sincerely,
Tiernan O.*

*Teacher: English and Social Studies
Advisor: LCA Chapter of National
Junior Honor Society
Lansing, Michigan*

Thank you for letting me visit Dogs for the Deaf. I really enjoyed petting the dogs and going across the bridge to the memorial stones. I would like to come back and help walk the dogs. Have a nice day.

Caleb M., Oregon

I truly enjoy and appreciate your "Canine Listener" magazine and read it cover to cover. What a great job you do in matching dogs and people for services, but, also the many rescue dogs that are placed as companions is phenomenal.

My husband and I bred and trained retrievers for many years, so I can appreciate the many hours of work that go into the training that you people do and I bless you for it.

Please accept this contribution to help with your efforts.

*Sincerely,
Juanita K., Oregon*

You helped my 30-year-old grandson with Hearing Dog Oreo! What a blessing! You will always be in our hearts and so thankful! Justin now has a cochlear in one ear! Hopeful for one in the other someday!

Donna L., California

I am a volunteer dog walker at 1st Avenue Shelter in Eugene, Ore. I saw that Dogs for the Deaf adopted a dog from our shelter. Thank you!

And, thank you for rescuing and saving so many sweet, wonderful dogs and giving them meaningful, happy lives.

Kathy H., Oregon

Eaton Hydraulics is pleased to present to Dogs for the Deaf a check in the amount of \$133 from our fund raiser BBQ - Hot Dogs for Dogs for the Deaf. Our small plant of 23 people is in its second year of holding a Bar-B-Que to raise funds for your worthy organization.

Our Community Involvement Team voted unanimously to repeat this event and plan on continuing to do so. Thank you for including us in your mailing list, so that we can bring further attention to all of the services that Dogs for the Deaf provides.

It is our hope that this small amount can contribute in some way.

*Best regards,
Kay K.*

*Chairman of White City Community
Involvement Team
White City, Oregon*

My 6-year-old daughter brought your envelope to me and asked me what it was. After explaining, she brought me her money she had stashed away and asked me to send it to you!

Robin B. and Aria of Oregon

I am enclosing a check for \$100 in memory of my late husband, Curt, who passed away March 15, 2013. He and I were Dogs for the Deaf Ambassadors for several years. We were Good Sam members and active in the Swingin' Sams Chapter in Nebraska. He so much enjoyed doing this and being a part of placing dogs to those in need.

*Sincerely,
Jean L., Nebraska*

Thank you for your donation from Dogs for the Deaf to the New Jersey Deaf Senior Housing Fashion Show and Gift Basket Auction. The lovely items you donated are so appropriate for this event.

This event is the major fundraiser for NJDSH and your gift will also raise awareness of the Dogs for the Deaf program. We are in the eighth year of our mission to build deaf senior housing in Northern New Jersey. NJDSH has been working tirelessly to transform the idea of building senior housing for the deaf, deaf-blind and hard-of-hearing persons into a reality. Fundraising is an important part of making this a reality.

NJDSH is very appreciative of your dedication to the Deaf community.

*Yours sincerely,
Jane C., Ph.D.*

Secretary, New Jersey Deaf Senior Housing, Inc.

Woodbridge, New Jersey

For the deaf., Hard of Hearing, Late-Deafened and Deaf Blind

Our group, Hands-On Communication, would like to make a donation to your organization. We are a Sign Language community group located in Kingston, NY. Our members include people from the Deaf, hard-of-hearing and hearing communities. We meet to practice and communicate in Sign Language and to support local students in their continued study and use of the language. We also support the students in learning about the Deaf community. Recently, our group developed a fundraiser – baking and selling dog biscuits – in the

hopes of raising enough money to support one of our own Deaf members in obtaining a Hearing Dog from your organization. We were able to raise double our expected amount, but our member was unfortunately unable to accept the money. As our group strives to support the Deaf community and its members, we still feel strongly in using this money to provide someone else with a dog. Therefore, we would like to make this donation in the hopes that someone is able to receive the support they need.

Thank you for the work that your organization does in supporting the Deaf and hard-of-hearing community. We hope this donation helps you to continue in your efforts.

Sincerely,

Susan B.

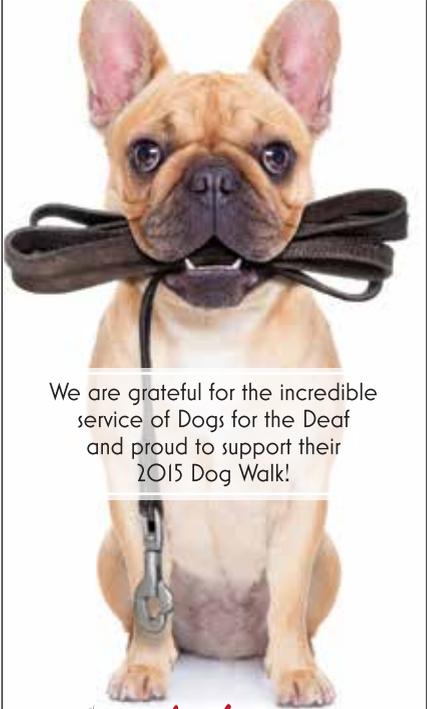
Hands-On-Communication, Kingston, New York

Kimberly,

Thank you very much for the Dogs for the Deaf tour last Wednesday. Very informative – we learned a lot! You did a wonderful job being our tour guide.

Thank you very much for all of your thoughtfulness.

Julie V., Oregon



We are grateful for the incredible service of Dogs for the Deaf and proud to support their 2015 Dog Walk!

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PLACEMENT HIGHLIGHTS



ABBY

Abby, a 2-year-old black Lab has been tapped as a new Dogs for the Deaf demonstration dog. She's already hit the road to prove her new skills at the Good Sam's Samboree in Moses Lake, Wash., and the Hearing Loss Association of America national conference in St. Louis., Mo. No stranger to travel, Abby found her way to Dogs for the Deaf via a California shelter where she was chosen for her new career. She spends her nights in the home of Dogs for the Deaf President and CEO Blake Matray.



CHEVY

Chevy was placed as a Hearing Dog with Jacob W. in Iowa in June. The 3-year-old yellow lab alerts Jacob, who lost his hearing as a toddler, to someone knocking at the door, his clock alarm, the smoke detector, and his name being called. Chevy accompanies Jacob to work, keeping him safe during his commute. Chevy was trained and placed by Dogs for the Deaf Certified Assistance Dog Trainer Andrea Woodcock who said, “It was one of the most rewarding placements I have ever done out of the 60 or so dogs I have placed in my career as an Assistance Dog Trainer.”

Jacob’s mother cried when she witnessed Chevy alert her son to the sound of the fire alarm. “This is the first night I will be able to sleep without worrying about my son’s safety,” she said.

We discovered Chevy at a southern Oregon shelter after he was found as a stray. He was sponsored by the Benevolent Patriotic Order of Does.



COOKIE

Cookie was placed as a Hearing Dog with David M. in Oregon in March. Cookie is a 2-year-old terrier/Boston mix from the California SPCA where she was originally picked up as a stray.

David and Cookie bonded very quickly and David was excited when Cookie immediately began alerting him to sounds. “I couldn’t hear the phone, alarm or people knocking at the door,” he said. “When I was asleep, I didn’t know what was going on.”



ENZO

Enzo was placed as a Hearing Dog with Barbara O., in Arizona in May. Enzo is a black and tan 2-year-old Chihuahua/terrier mix that we rescued from a humane society in northwest Washington.

A long-time client, Enzo is the third Hearing Dog that Barbara has received from Dogs for the Deaf.

Barbara, who has been Deaf since birth, feels more secure with a Hearing Dog to alert her to the smoke alarm, her name being called and a door knock. Enzo bonded with Barbara quickly who loved his sweetness, and his enthusiasm to work and learn. She referred to him as a “cooked noodle” because he would drape himself over her body when they cuddled.

Enzo was sponsored by the Benevolent Patriotic Order of Does.



FRANKIE

Frankie was placed as a Hearing Dog with Brian P., in North Carolina in July. Frankie is a 2-year-old black Pekingese/spaniel mix. Brian was excited to have the added independence and security that Frankie provides, especially since Brian and his wife are planning to add to their young family in the near future. Frankie quickly learned how to respond to a baby cry and happily alerted Brian who was all the way downstairs and across the home!

Frankie was rescued from and sponsored by an anonymous doner.



GUNNER

Gunner (now called Tucker) was placed as a Program Assistance Dog with Brenda R., in Oregon in April. Gunner is nearly 3 years old and some sort of cattle dog/terrier mix who was rescued from the Southern Oregon Humane Society.

Gunner goes to work every day with Brenda where she is a therapist at a mental health group home for young adults. Gunner provides support to the residents by helping to keep them focused, decrease their anxiety levels and welcomes new guests.

“We had a wonderful first day and he was so good with the residents and staff,” Brenda wrote. “Tucker’s a natural as far as temperament goes and he is so well trained. I just can’t express how happy I am with him! I want you to know that it was such a pleasure to work with you. Your support and encouragement helped my confidence which I believe helped Tucker and I bond so quickly.”

Gunner was sponsored by the Oregon State Good Sams.



HILTON

Hilton was placed as a Program Assistance Dog with Rebecca B., in Oregon in May. Hilton is a 2-year-old Aussie mix from a local animal shelter in southern Oregon.

Hilton accompanies Rebecca to her classroom everyday where she works with adults with disabilities at a local high school and at a reading program in a nearby middle school. Hilton loves to “go say hi,” to the students.

Hilton’s positive impact on students was evident during the very first day including eye contact, communication, focus and reading dedication.

Rebecca is such an inspiration and now that she has Hilton as her sidekick, they will make an unstoppable duo. (See story on Program Assistance Dogs, p. 26)

Hilton was sponsored by the Benevolent Patriotic Order of Does.



OPIE

Opie was placed as a Hearing Dog with Kathleen V. in Washington in July. Opie may be one of the youngest and smallest working dogs in the business at a mere 1 year of age and 8 pounds.

The grey and white Shih Tzu mix came to us from the Southern Oregon Humane Society after being transferred from another shelter.

Kathleen said she feels a little more relaxed and safe with Opie by her side. “Opie can alert me to the fire alarm and if my husband calls for me,” she said. “My favorite thing that Opie does is alert me to the oven timer ... no more burned cookies!”

Opie was sponsored by the Good Sam Get A Long Sams chapter.

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PEACHES

Peaches was placed as a Hearing Dog with Elease H., in Oregon in August. Peaches, a 2-year-old Havanese mix was rescued from a southern Oregon Shelter earlier this year.

It has been difficult for Elease to rely on family and friends to alert her to sounds. She wanted a dog in her home for companionship and to alert her to everyday sounds for safety and communication. Peaches will accompany Elease everywhere, providing increased independence, safety and self-confidence. Elease knew it was a good match ... her cat's name is Peaches too!

An anonymous sponsor provided the sponsorship for Peaches.

RYLEE

Rylee was placed as a Hearing Dog with Mary Anne D., of New York in June. Rylee is a black and tan terrier mix, nearly 2 years old, that we found at the humane society in The Dalles, Ore.

Rylee alerts Mary Anne to visitors at the door, the telephone ringing, fire alarms and the oven timer on a regular basis. "I wanted to let you know that Rylee is doing very well," Mary Anne wrote. "All in all he is an unbelievable dog and I can't imagine my life without him!"

Rylee was sponsored by the Benevolent Patriotic Order of Does.

TIGER

Tiger was placed as a Hearing Dog with Josephine B. of Florida in May. Tiger is a 2-year-old grey and white Shihtzu mix that we rescued from the Southern Oregon Humane Society. Tiger's main job will be to alert Josephine to somebody at the door, the telephone ring and the smoke detector.

Tiger was sponsored by the Benevolent Patriotic Order of Does.

VIDALIA

Vidalia was placed as a Hearing Dog with Ken K. of Nevada in June. Vidalia is a 2-year-old black lab that was given to us by Guide Dogs for the Blind. Her main duties will be to alert Ken to his alarm clock, a visitor at the door, the smoke alarm, his name being called and incoming video phone calls.

Ken owns a cabinet-making shop and is a very active member of the Kiwanis Club Elko. He enjoys outdoor activities including hunting, camping, fishing and hiking.

Vidalia was sponsored by the Vegas Hi-Rollers and her Guide Dogs for the Blind foster family was Anna and Jennifer S. of Utah.



“I want to help people

who are Deaf or who have hearing loss to know a greater freedom and sense of safety and independence.”

Ila is a retired gym teacher who worked with children with special needs. She had an assistant who taught the children in her class who were Deaf to read her lips. That assistant had a Boston terrier that was self-taught to be a Hearing Dog. Ila experienced first-hand the profound impact a Hearing Dog can have on people’s lives. Through her former Good Sam* Chapter affiliation, Ila knew she wanted to support Dogs for the Deaf.

That’s why she has decided to leave Dogs for the Deaf a gift of charity in her will.

Please consider including Dogs for the Deaf in your will or future plans.

Contact Kelly Gonzales for more information, 1-800-990-3647.

* Good Sam is the world’s largest organization of recreational vehicle (RV) owners, committed to making RVing a safer and more rewarding experience for its 1.5 million members. Today, Good Sam’s halo and broad smile continue to signify friendliness among RVers and an eagerness to serve, although on a much larger scale. The Good Sam Club Chapters adopted Dogs for the Deaf as its “Charity of Choice” in 1989.



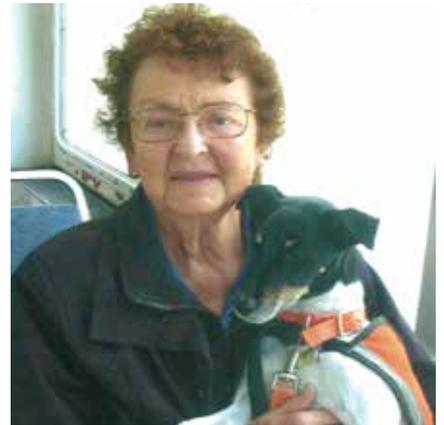


Ginger

HEARING DOG MARLEE:

“I can’t believe how bonded Marlee and I have become. She helps out not only at home, but also when traveling. Marlee was alerting me to the phone at a relative’s home while visiting. Because of Marlee, I know what’s going on around me and I am so grateful.”

Maureen K., Florida



HEARING DOG DANI:

(photo Dani and Erma toured Alaska and visited Portage Glacier in 2014.)

“Dani’s skills include the door, phone, smoke alarm, microwave, tea kettle and toaster. I would not be able to live on my own if it weren’t for Dani and the help she provides. She is so smart! I’m very grateful to Dogs for the Deaf for Dani.”

Erma B., Nevada

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HEARING/PROGRAM DOG GINGER:

“Ginger and I saw a new patient recently – a little boy with sensory integration disorder and hearing loss. He was only 2 years old but he was enthralled with Ginger. As I was talking to his parents I glanced over and noticed he was lying on the floor nose-to-nose with her. He had no trouble with his check up as long as I was on the floor with them. First I’d check Ginger’s ears and throat, then his. Mom and Dad marveled that he was so cooperative.

It really is amazing the level of connectedness that specially trained dogs provide. They address so many levels of physical and mental health without words – a rare blessing in our current world. Cameron (husband) and I are filled with deepest gratitude for all your work and assistance in making the dogs possible.”

Danielle R., North Carolina



HEARING DOG CASPER:

“Casper is a big help to me. He gives me a lot of support and patience. He alerts me to noises and people who are at the door. He is a good companion. When I am at my desk, he is lying down on the bed next to me. He loves to lie upside down looking at me while I am working. Casper brings so much joy to my life. I am never alone.”

Yolanda V., Texas

HEARING DOG CHRISTY:

“Every day is a ‘story’ with Christy. From waking up in the morning to coming home at night, she is always ready for each adventure of the day. She brings so much joy and enthusiasm to each day! She makes so many people happy throughout the day. She makes me feel safe, and as she looks out for me, I look out for her. She is getting older, sleeps more, has various tumors all over her, but she has lived a long, purposeful, privileged life, and it’s been an honor to be her Mom.”

Kelli Y., Nebraska

HEARING DOG BARNEY:

“My previous Dogs for the Deaf Hearing Dog Barclay passed away this year and Barney has been a great comfort.”

Dawna J., Washington



HEARING DOG RAYLENE:

“We were camping in our small RV for three weeks in February and started out by a beach in a South Carolina State Park. I took Raylene out for her last ‘before-bed’ walk on the beach under a full moon shining on the sand and ocean. We stood together enjoying the sight. I would not have been out there to enjoy that beauty without her. Just one example of lovely things she has brought to my life.”

Chris G., North Carolina

HEARING DOG FIZZA:

“Fizza is like a part of me. She follows me around and is usually near me. When she is not by my side it seems as though something is missing and I feel lost.”

Susan H., Florida

HEARING DOG NANUQ:

“During a lunch of fish tacos, we were eating outside on the deck with the screen door open. Lee (partner) was frying the tortillas on the stove. When we all got our plates and were preparing to eat, Nanuq alerted me and ran back into the house. Lee had left the stove top on and the smoke alarm went off. I gave Nanuq his favorite squeaky toy, treats and lots of praise!”

Bonnie H., Oregon

HEARING DOG PIPPY:

“Pippy has learned to alert to the coffee maker. She is a great companion, such a good dog. She is great at reading people and knowing just what they need. I love Pippy’s help and company.”

Ryan D., New Jersey

HEARING DOG ROBBIE:

“Robbie saved my mom’s life twice by working a name call when she fell in the night.”

Debra B., New Jersey

HEARING DOG RELLA:

“Rella is a silly girl and makes me laugh. One morning after she woke me up she put her face right up close to my face. It was so cute and funny to see her so close. Having Rella has made me calmer.”

Sherry J., New Jersey

HEARING DOG FINLEY:

“Finn worked the smoke alarm perfectly when it went off from smoke in the kitchen. He has also learned to alert to the microwave.”

Kim W., New Jersey

HEARING DOG WINNIE:

“Winnie is loved by all that meet her. She has learned to alert to the tea kettle whistle. Bob, my husband, fell in the night and Winnie alerted me. Winnie has made a difference in my life on so many levels. More than just sound work and alerting, but also overall security.”

Donna P., Pennsylvania

HEARING DOG LOLA:

"We are still enjoying speaking engagements in which we share her Hero Dog experience of 2013 as Hearing Dog category winner, and invite contributions to Dogs for the Deaf. Lola is a perfect fit."

Charlene M., Washington

HEARING DOG MIMI:

"She is a perfect young lady, always loving and trying to please me. She is adorable and I love her to pieces."

Isaura M., Puerto Rico

HEARING DOG ALIA:

"Thank you Dogs for the Deaf! I appreciate what you did for me by letting me have Alia, who is such a wonderful dog."

Addie M., Nevada

HEARING DOG BETHE:

"Missie B is terrific. She alerts me to the phone and to the door. She is so eager for her treats. She is a sweetie. Loves to be petted, loves to play and loves to lie in the sun."

Theresa F., New York

HEARING DOG RUSTY:

"As a repeat recipient of Dogs for the Deaf's wonderful dogs, there's one thing I have learned, and that is perseverance. Dogs for the Deaf dogs come to us with the ability to serve. It is my opinion we, as recipients, must always practice. These dogs love us and have been given a job. They are really proud of themselves so we must encourage them. Be patient, kind and loving. Be loyal to your dog as he is to you always."

Doris W., North Carolina

HEARING DOG NICKEL:

"When I fell outside and broke my ankle Monday, I didn't think anyone was ever going to know that I had fallen and was hurt. Ron and Jo are my neighbors and their Hearing Dog Nickel was outside. Nickel was the only one that heard me screaming for someone to help me. He got their attention and Jo came outside to see if something was wrong. She heard me and came over and called my husband to come out and help me. I want to thank you for training Nickel. He helped me. I don't know how long I would have laid on the ground if it wasn't for his help! Nickel is one awesome dog! He is my hero!!"

From the neighbor of Ron and Jo G., Texas

HEARING DOG COLONEL:

"This has been an amazing year for Colonel and me. We have grown and learned a lot together. I can't even imagine life without him. He has the sweetest personality, is loyal and a great worker."

Tracee C., Arizona



HEARING DOG MURPHY:

"Murphy has been a miracle dog for me. He really makes my day. Especially as I was caregiving to my husband for several years and after when he was in a nursing

home. Murphy was there for me. He knows when I'm having a bad day. He comes and stays beside me when I'm crying and brings me a ball to make me feel better."

Shirley A., Minnesota

HEARING DOG JIGSAW:

"Jigsaw and I continue to be best buddies. I couldn't ask for a sweeter dog."

Mary R., California

PROGRAM DOG NELSON:

"For the week of Valentine's Day, our school does a 'postal service' and all the students write letters. Nelson received 40 or so, and 'wrote back' to all the students. The first graders wanted to know how he wrote the letters so I sent out a picture of him 'typing' on my lap top." (See story on Program Assistance Dogs, p. 26)

Janet V., Oregon

HEARING DOG JOURNEY:

"Journey loves being around children. When we are at Walmart or church, they ask about her and if they can pet her. Journey either sits or stands while children and adults pet her. Since both my wife and myself have extreme hearing loss and we are both in wheelchairs, Journey is a godsend to us. Thank you for giving her to us."

William B., Georgia

HEARING DOG MISCHIEF:

"Mischief and I continue to have a special relationship. We daily walk at the local mall and greet our many friends there. Mischief is my daughter and my strength and support. She gives me comfort and strength and guides me in public."

David M., Ohio



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

VOLUNTEER, FOSTER, PUPPY RAISER

By Jenna Bruce

I've loved animals since I can remember. I grew up raising golden retrievers, owning cats, birds, hamsters and everything in between. I plan on becoming a veterinarian.

I found out about the Dogs for the Deaf puppy raising program by browsing the Internet while trying to figure out what I wanted to do for my high school senior project.

After discussing it with my mother, we both decided to give them a call. I dropped off my application, did an interview, and brought my dogs in to meet Yoko, a 10-month-old yellow lab.

Yoko was bred in Canada specifically to be a service dog, and was given to Dogs for the Deaf a few months prior to my meeting her. She is a test dog for Dogs for the Deaf's Autism Assistance Dog program. I immediately felt a bond with her, and in a few weeks she joined our household.

I live in a small house in the suburbs, and suddenly adding a 60-pound goofball to our menagerie of small dogs and cats was definitely an adjustment. It's been a while since any puppies were in our household, as we rescued both of our small dogs when they were adults. I quickly learned that having a puppy in the house is like having a very smart, large toddler walking (running) around.

Luckily, Yoko is incredibly smart, and has picked up everything we taught her very quickly. Not to brag, but she's probably a genius. Since

getting her, she's picked up on multiple commands, can walk on a leash, and behave appropriately around the most exciting things in the universe – other dogs.

However, there wasn't just a learning curve for her. I've also learned many things since getting her, many of which will be invaluable to my training as a veterinarian. Picking up on behavioral cues, working around problems or obstacles, and basically learning how to handle a puppy at all times has been vital in the training process. I plan on taking her to school with me, so we both need to be able to handle multiple situations that you don't always encounter in daily life.

Training her has been one of the most rewarding things that I've done in my life. Being able to see her progress and advance makes me incredibly proud of both her and myself. It is 100-percent a team effort and both of us need to be cooperative and willing to learn from each other.

Now, knowing all that goes into training a service dog, I probably wouldn't have been able to make it through the first week by myself. What appealed to me most about the Dogs for the Deaf's volunteer foster program is that you get one-on-one time with a trainer. Dogs for the Deaf's Obedience Trainer Paula has taught us both how to behave and this has helped tremendously.

Training animals is incredibly rewarding, even when it's something as simple as teaching a puppy to sit on command. Though it can be difficult at times, it always proves worth it in the end. I highly recommend anyone interested to give Dogs for the Deaf a call. Not only are you helping a wonderful organization, you are also helping someone in need.

Jenna Bruce, 16, lives in Rogue River, is currently attending Rogue Community College, and plans to major in veterinary science.



24TH ANNUAL DOG WALK

Thank you to the city of Jacksonville, OR, for its hospitality during the 24th Annual Dogs for the Deaf Dog Walk. Held for the second year in a row at Jacksonville Elementary, the May 30 event raised \$22,500, with all proceeds benefiting Dogs for the Deaf's mission of professionally training dogs to help people and enhance lives.

More than 200 dog lovers enjoyed pet-themed vendors, a photo booth, a poker walk, raffles, lunch and meeting other dog lovers. Kids of all ages participated in face-painting, a hula hoop contest and enjoyed ice cream. Dogs had fun with the dog agility course, the splash pools, lots of treats and a nice walk around Jacksonville.

The event's Grand Marshall was the organization's new President and CEO Blake Matray. The retired Air Force officer led walkers on the scenic one-mile jaunt through the neighborhood complete with refreshments and game stops.

While every dog got a new bandana to wear, many canines

appeared in their favorite 1950s garb, including Elvis costumes and poodle skirts. Then the dogs showed off their superior skills in a dog trick contest.

Once again, the program was emceed by former Medford television Meteorologist Scott Lewis who channeled Elvis and donned a white jumpsuit, white Cuban heel boots, red scarf, pompadour and sideburns.

Since 1977, Dogs for the Deaf has been rescuing dogs from shelters and training them to become certified Hearing and Program Assistance Dogs for people throughout the United States. Their work is supported entirely through donations, grants and events like Dog Walk.

Dogs for the Deaf is eternally grateful to all of the businesses and organizations listed on the next page that helped to make Dog Walk a resounding success.



Emcee Scott Lewis with wife, Cherie, at 24th Annual Dogs for the Deaf Dog Walk.

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"Elvis" (a.k.a. Scott Lewis) congratulates the costume contest winners at the 24th Annual Dogs for the Deaf Dog Walk held at Jacksonville Elementary on May 30.

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More than 200 dog lovers participated in the 24th Annual Dog Walk held at Jacksonville Elementary to benefit Dogs for the Deaf.

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CAREER CHANGE DOGS

BLESSINGS IN FUR: CAREER CHANGE DOGS FROM DOGS FOR THE DEAF

When their apricot-colored standard poodle, Katie, died in July, Jacksonville residents Dave and Elke Goddard knew they had to get another dog. The 14-year-old rescued poodle was their pride and joy. She was also their personal trainer – maintaining their twice-daily walks every morning and every evening after dinner.

“We’ve only gone on two walks since Katie left,” Elke said. “It’s just not the same.”

As a former volunteer at Dogs for the Deaf, the national Assistance Dog training facility in Central Point, Ore., Dave knew just who to call.

“No question,” Dave said. “You can’t fake your love for the animals. Every time I’ve been to your facility, and when I volunteered there, there is a dog at every desk.”

After calling to make an appointment and filling out an application, the couple went to Dogs for the Deaf to visit adoptable

Career Change Dogs are wonderful dogs who are happy and healthy but just not suited to working for a living. In fact, approximately 75 percent of the dogs who start training do not complete the program. These dogs make loving pets and companions and are looking for their forever homes.

Each of these dogs have been screened for temperament, provided medical care, have been spayed/neutered, vaccinated, microchipped and put on a high quality, nutritious diet.

We do not charge for our Career Change Dog adoptions, but we gladly take donations.

Because Dogs for the Deaf is located in southern Oregon, Career Change Dogs are usually adopted to homes within a two-hour driving distance of our facility. If you live outside the area, we encourage you to visit your local animal shelter when looking for a dog to add to your family.

If you are interested in adopting a Career Change Dog, you can download an application from our website at www.DogsForTheDeaf.org/career-change-dogs or call the office and we can send you an application. You will be contacted by our staff when we have a dog that might be right for you. Our primary concern is to find the most suitable match for both the dog and the new owner.

If you have questions about our Career Change Dog program, or about adoptable dogs, please call us at 1-800-990-3647 or 541-826-9220 or visit our website at www.DogsForTheDeaf.org.

dogs, or what the non-profit calls, "Career Change Dogs." Those are dogs who were unable to complete the rigorous Assistance Dog training for a variety of reasons, but still make loving pets and companions.

First, Dave and Elke met Shylo, a Chihuahua-mix who they liked very much. Then, in walked Apricot, an apricot-colored miniature poodle that had just become available that morning.

"When the door opened and we saw him standing there, it was all over," Dave said. "I looked at Elke and my jaw just dropped. There were tears of joy."

Elke agreed it was love at first sight.

"What a blessing that was when they opened the door and revealed Apricot," Elke said. "Both of us were astonished. We have a special attachment to poodles and he was exactly what we hoped for. We didn't think it would happen this fast. 'God is good, God is with us,' I thought. That's why we decided to change Apricot's name to Toby. It means 'God is good' in Hebrew."

A few days later, the adoption was official. Dogs for the Deaf staff delivered Toby to his new home, along with food, toys, a blanket, leashes, collars, pet coupons, heartworm medicine, flea and tick repellent, a microchip, rabies certification and vet records.



Toby was very excited to explore his new 2-acre fenced yard complete with built-in doggie door. Dave and Elke were looking forward to that evening's walk.

"Everybody in this neighborhood was waiting to see him," Dave said.

Nearly 50 Career Change Dogs were adopted from Dogs for the Deaf last year. Toby is the sixth Career Change Dog now living in Jacksonville, Ore.

Career Change Dogs are screened for temperament, provided medical care, spayed/neutered, vaccinated, and put on a high quality, nutritious diet.

Dogs for the Deaf trainers and staff are available to adoptive families for advice, counseling and training for the life of the dog.

Dogs for the Deaf does not charge a fee for their adoptable dogs, but donations are gladly accepted. To view available dogs, go to www.DogsForTheDeaf.org.

"Apricot was a huge surprise, an answer to a lot of prayers," Dave said. "We have been made happier than you could ever imagine. He will never replace our Katie, nor was he ever intended to. But, the three of us will start a new life together. How indebted we are to Dogs for the Deaf."

As if finding another apricot-colored poodle wasn't serendipitous enough, Dave and Elke knew Toby was meant to be part of their family when they learned his trainer's name at Dogs for the Deaf was ... Katie.



Ewok

Congratulations to our new Career Change Dog Moms and Dads!

DOG	ADOPTED BY:
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TRAINER SPOTLIGHT

MEET OUR NEWLY CERTIFIED TRAINER

Originally from Michigan, Certified Assistance Trainer Laura Burke joined Dogs for the Deaf in December 2014. Laura and her dog Cinnamon, an Australian Shepherd, drove cross-country to begin the latest installment of a lifetime of serving people.

From Burger King (her first job), to veterinary technician to dog trainer, Laura has always loved animals and making people happy.

“My first pet was Tiger, the cat. When I was a kid I’d collect frogs from the pond and if I saw sick animals I’d try to help them,” Burke said. “Mice, squirrels, everything.”

Laura received her associate’s degree in Veterinary Technology from Macomb Community College and a training certificate from the International Guide Dog Federation. After working as a vet tech specializing in dentistry, she spent 15 years at Leader Dogs for the Blind. There she trained more than 150 guide dogs and their partners, including five teams from different countries.



Laura considers working with animals and getting to help people the “coolest job ever.” The toughest part of the job, she says, is the disappointment trainers face when it becomes apparent a dog does not have the right stuff to complete training.

When she’s not training Assistance Dogs, Laura enjoys all the beautiful sights southern Oregon has to offer, including hikes with her own dog. She also has a 15-year-old son and 12-year-old daughter.

She hopes to continue in her service to people and animals with Dogs for the Deaf for years to come as we grow in size and scope of services.

“I’ve really tried to make people happy in all my jobs,” Laura said. “But it’s even more awesome to make people happy, and help them, and work with dogs all at the same time.”



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THE BENEFITS OF TEACHING YOUR DOG TO BE CRATE TRAINED

A crate is an indispensable management and safety tool for your dog. The most familiar use of the crate is for travel. But, it is also a useful aid for houstraining, and to prevent and resolve separation issues.

The benefits of crate training are substantial and may continue through every day of a dog's life. In fact, even once your dog is houstrained, it is recommended that you use the crate to maintain your dog's houstraining skills throughout their lifetime. When introduced and used properly, a crate can provide your dog a secure place to call their own, where they can go for a little down time.

The Benefits of crate training:

- A houstraining aid as short-term confinement in the crate allows you to more accurately predict when your dog needs to eliminate so you can take them to the right spot and reward them.
- Prevention of destructive chewing and costly damage to your home.
- Safeguarding a puppy or new dog from potentially dangerous household items such as poisonous cleaning chemicals and electrical wires.
- Prevention of separation stress. A crate provides your dog with a secure retreat and teaches him to learn to tolerate and even enjoy quiet time by himself.

- Creating a dog that can stay with a veterinarian or groomer without undue stress (they will both thank you for this).
- Offering a safe place to keep your dog if workers are in the house (going in and out and potentially leaving a door or fence open for your dog to wander off).
- Offering a safe place to keep your dog if you have visitors who are afraid of him and vice versa.
- Offering a safe place to keep your dog if he is recuperating from an injury or illness.
- Offering a safe way to transport your dog in the car or on a plane. Additionally, most hotels that accept dogs on their premises require they be kenneled while in the room to prevent damage to hotel furniture and rugs.
- The usefulness of a crate to help your dog learn to be mannerly (and eventually enjoy as much freedom as is safe and reasonable) knows no bounds. Once you have chosen the appropriate crate, be sure to consider these crate safety tips before introducing your dog to his new crate.

1. Duration: The crate is meant only for short periods of confinement. Do not confine your dog to his crate for longer than he can reasonably hold his bladder and bowel. Your dog should be given plenty of potty and play breaks throughout the day, whether by you or a trusted caregiver.

2. Placement: Make sure the crate is kept in an area where your dog is protected from the elements and extremes in temperature. This is especially true for the short-coated breeds (Shih Tzus, Pugs, Bulldogs, etc.) and the thick-coated breeds (Huskies, Newfoundlands,

St. Bernards, etc.). An area of the home that is temperature controlled is ideal.

3. Collars: There is a slight risk that your dog's collar may get stuck on the metal furnishings of the crate. As a safety precaution, remove the collar when your dog is in the kennel. Alternatively, use a "break-away" collar.

4. Children and the Crate: Don't allow children, or adult strangers for that matter, to bother your dog while kenneled. The kennel is meant to be a quiet spot for your dog to rest and it is unfair to expect him to be confined in this manner while children taunt and tease him (even if unintentionally, as it is how the dog perceives the interaction that is of utmost importance).

5. Never leave an unsupervised dog inside a car, whether in a crate or not. They are susceptible to heat stroke (even in relatively mild temperatures) and theft or harassment.





PROGRAM ASSISTANCE DOGS

Have you ever witnessed the difference a professionally trained dog can make in any setting? Special Education Teachers are realizing more and more every day that a professionally trained dog can help improve overall classroom results. Time and time again, they witness improvements in student development through the dog's calming or motivating presence.

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Our Program Assistance Dogs can be used to:

- Provide a calming influence and increase the student's ability to focus
- Shape positive student behavior by using the dog as part of a reward system
- Encourage conversation among students
- Engage students who normally prefer to be left alone
- Teach responsibility as students are asked to help care for the dog
- Motivate students to participate in physical activities
- Diffuse tense or difficult situations in the classroom

We train, place and follow-up with our Program Assistance Dogs for the life of the working team for a nominal \$50 application fee and a \$500 Good Faith refundable deposit, which is returned after one year. Our Assistance Dog Trainers spend a week working with the teachers during placement of the dog and continue to be available for ongoing support.

If you are interested in applying for one of our Program Assistance Dogs, or for more information, please contact us at 1-800-990-3647, or email us at info@DogsForTheDeaf.org.



SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER JANET VOORHIES & PROGRAM ASSISTANCE DOG NELSON

"I think most kids just feel a little more at ease or at home. He gives really good eye contact and I think that's really comforting to them. He's gentle, he's slow, he's calm and he's always wagging his tail. He just brings that sense of everything's going to be okay. Some kids even have fine motor difficulty so I'll have them put Nelson's jacket and leash on. I'll have them walk him and take his things off. They get him fresh water every day. They make sure he has his toys. They know he needs to play and needs exercise. It's a great way to build that sense of ownership and responsibility.

Last year I had a student who was coming into sixth grade. She was very shy and had a lot of anxiety about being in a new school. Mom would meet Nelson and me and we would open the door and sometimes I'd give the student the leash and say, 'Could you help me walk Nelson into the classroom?' She would take the leash very tentative at first and walk him into the mainstream classes, but she still wanted to have Nelson walk her to a new class. So, that was Nelson's job, to walk with her outside and to get her into that class. Her mother said Nelson was the reason she was able to be so successful in her sixth grade class.

Students who are afraid to read out loud in front of the class are just fine reading aloud to Nelson."

Nelson is also trained to "go touch." Voorhies uses the command when students aren't paying attention or need a little pick-me-up, and Nelson will walk over and touch them with his nose.



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- Clients are required to attend obedience training classes or to hire a private obedience trainer as prescribed by a Dogs for the Deaf Trainer.



Application Requirements...

Home Environment - Other pets may not get along with the new Assistance Dog. If that's the case, clients may need to make some tough decisions about re-homing them. Please be aware that Program Assistance Dogs must be the only dog in the household, with the exception of a retired Program Assistance Dog.

Typically, we require a fenced area for the dog.

Financial Commitment - The cost of caring for one of our professionally-trained dogs could be over \$750 per year. This includes but is not limited to food, toys, vet care, etc. This does not include any unforeseen illness or injury. The client is financially responsible for the dog's care once the dog is placed.

Personal Skills - for Program Assistance Dogs, a client must be willing and able to physically, mentally and emotionally care for the dog without assistance.



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- The client to take sole responsibility for the care and exercise of the dog so that the client and the dog will bond.
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Program Assistance Dogs...

Program Assistance Dogs go to work with and assist full-time professionals such as physicians, teachers, counselors and licensed therapists in the treatment of and work with their clients and students. These dogs have public access rights when accompanying the professionals and their clients in order to provide assistance to the clients.



FAQs...

What is the age requirement to be considered for a Program Assistance Dog? Applicants must be adults who work with people who have physical, mental, or emotional challenges or disabilities. This could include: full-time physicians, teachers, counselors, and licensed therapists or counselors.

How long do people typically wait before a Program Assistance Dog is placed? Ideally, most Program Assistance Dogs are placed within 12 months from the time an applicant is approved.

How are dogs and people matched? Each applicant must go through a thorough screening and application process. Once chosen to receive a dog, the applicant is matched with the appropriate dog based on lifestyle, living situation, personality and the needs of their clients.



Training...

Training generally takes four to six months of temperament evaluation, obedience training and socialization. All dogs receive the same basic training and then each dog receives specialized training depending on the client's needs. This way, each dog's training is customized to the needs of the applicant.

Program Assistance Dogs are trained to be calm and relaxed regardless of what is going on around them. These dogs must remain quiet in order to help calm clients and patients of professionals who work with children and adults who have challenges and disabilities. The dogs are trained to go to clients or students on command to help ease anxiety. Dogs can also be used as a reward for positive behavior.



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Placement...



When ready for placement with an approved applicant, the trainer travels to the client's home and office for one-on-one training with the professional and clients. One of our professional trainers works one-on-one with the client to teach the person how to keep the dog working and how to maintain the dog's obedience skills. Placements of Program Assistance Dogs involve the trainer generally spending five days teaching the client in the client's home and place of employment.

Follow up...

The client must report regularly on the progress of the dog. If any problems arise or the client has questions, the trainer offers help and answers questions.

Dogs for the Deaf guarantees follow-up training for the life of the team. Follow-up training includes guidance and suggestions consisting of verbal contact, written contact and in-home visits.

What does it cost to get a Program Assistance Dog?

There is a \$50 application fee. When an applicant has been approved to receive a Program Assistance Dog and is ready to be placed on the waiting list, they will be required to pay a \$500 Good Faith deposit, which is returned after the professional and the Program Assistance Dog have been together for one year. Once the dog is placed with the professional, they are financially responsible for the ongoing care of the dog.



DFD NEWS



DENVER TRIP

As part of our continuing efforts to find and rescue dogs throughout the western U.S., Dogs for the Deaf Obedience Trainers Paula Lysinger and Jen Blessing traveled nearly 3,000 miles through six states in seven days this August. Dogs stayed comfortable in our new van with custom crates and internal temperature control generator.

- Thanks to those who followed their adventure on Facebook:
- Kathy W. - Yay! Please keep us updated on their progress! It's kind of like following them on a special journey to helping someone in need! Hopefully, I will be one of them!
 - Brenda E - You mean I get treats for alerting my future human friend to sounds? Yippee!
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 - James R. - Most excellent!!! What a great way to shelter and give them a wonderful purpose at the same time. Many thanks for the info. Xoxo

FUNDRAISER NOTES

A CELEBRATION OF TOBY

(The following is an excerpt from an article by Pam and Steve Lock in their Écluse Newsletter)



It was a sunny day in March of 1999 when our then 2-year-old Toby (Topaz was her name at the time) arrived from Dogs for the Deaf. She was accompanied by her trainer to start her “job” as a Hearing Assistance Dog for Duane Robinson, the caretaker on the property, who lived here on our vineyard with his 14-year-old blind dog, Bingo.

Toby’s happy and loving nature came through the minute we all laid eyes on her. She had been rescued from the Humane Society in southern Oregon. She was quite a sight sitting on the seat next to Duane riding all over the vineyard in his Gator as his faithful and loving companion and doing her “job” of notifying him of the phone ringing and visitors arriving. Her happy and joyful personality was felt by all who met her.

We lost Duane in 2006 and Toby became diabetic in 2007. Within

two years she lost the sight in one eye and then two years later, the other eye. It was quite ironic for her as an Assistance Dog to lose her sight, making her the second blind dog we’d had on the vineyard (Bingo was the first). Neither Bingo nor Toby was ever deterred by their handicap and they became an inspiration to us all. Toby was a little princess when it came to holding court in the tasting room with visitors – both two- and four-legged! She always loved posing for photos with her friends, new and old, especially during her 17th birthday celebration last April.

Toby enjoyed wandering around the tasting room mingling with our guests and our visitors loved meeting her, the inspiration behind our second label, Blind Dog Wine. She was a real light and was always happy with her tail wagging; she was never deterred by her handicap.

We know she is back together with Duane and Bingo, running through the clouds with her sight back, watching over us and the vines. Her legacy will live on with her namesake wine. Lift a glass in her honor and always remember her motto: “Let the wind blow in your face – Smell the flowers – Eat well – Take naps – Smile a lot – Love your people!” We miss you Toby!

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country of Paso Robles, California. Since 2009, Écluse Wines and Lock Vineyard Owners Pam and Steve Lock have generously donated 3% of the sales from Blind Dog Wines to Dogs for the Deaf. They have donated wine to Dogs for the Deaf fundraising events and they secured a Field of Memories stone in honor of Duane and Topaz/Toby. We thank them for their generosity and for sharing their remembrances of Toby.



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Belinda Puckett, Ken and Jo Newton.

The Benevolent Patriotic Order (BPO) of the Does ... Since 1996, they have sponsored over 90 Dogs for the Deaf Assistance Dogs and given over \$450,000. Jo Newton, her husband Ken and their daughter Belinda can take a lot of credit for that.

What is a BPO Doe and what's the Newton's role?

The BPO Does are a National Organization of members with the desire to work in harmony with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and dedication to the principles of patriotism, charity, loyalty and love. They have been an active part of communities and Elks Lodges across the country for over 80 years. Their activities include charitable works, patriotic demonstrations and social functions

to promote hospitality and a spirit of love and fellowship.

"We're just ordinary people who believe in giving back what God has given us," says Jo Newton.

Jo Newton is a member of the BPO Does Riodoso Drove #152. Drovers are similar to what other organizations may refer to as a chapter.

She and her husband own two homes in New Mexico, one in Riodoso and one in Artesia. In both locations, their carports are stacked with cardboard, newspapers and magazines they collect from individuals and from the businesses they've rallied in those communities. They started by encouraging help from all of their own customers from the business they've owned for over 45 years, Artesia Car Parts.

"Lots of businesses contribute ... NAPA Auto Parts, the post office, the local Girl Scouts," says Jo.

Jo and her husband, now in their 80s, turn this cardboard into money that they donate to Dogs for the Deaf. In Artesia, this means a 40-mile round trip to the recycling plant. Sometimes they make two trips in their truck and trailer ... hauling up to 2000 pounds each trip. Riodoso does not have a recycling center so they load the pickup and bring it 120 miles one way to the recycling center.

"Sometimes the recycling guy helps," says Jo. But otherwise she and her husband do all of the unloading themselves. "When it's 100 degrees outside, that's quite a commitment! I have to give my

husband a lot of credit. Without him, it wouldn't get done."

Ken Newton is in remission from a couple of different forms of cancer and has a slow-growing thyroid cancer now that is being watched. Through all of this, chemotherapy and all, he has never missed a day of work or taking care of the recycling.

The Newton's extraordinary efforts make the front page of their local newspapers three or four times a year. The radio stations interview them too.

"It would be so much easier to write a check for everything but that's not what it's all about – this gets the whole town involved," says Jo.

The work done by Dogs for the Deaf is near and dear to the Newton's hearts. Jo has been deaf in one ear since she was 10 years old. Of their 11 grandchildren, the son of their youngest son was autistic. He could not walk or talk.

According to the Mayo Clinic, her grandson was not supposed to live longer than 1 year. He lived until he was 19, passing away in 2011.

"We do this in his memory," says Jo. "He was such a loving child. He knew what was going on and he understood."

Jo was the Public Relations Director for the BPO Does from 2004 to 2012. This is the part of the organization responsible for fundraising. In eight years, she spearheaded the efforts to raise \$250,000 for Dogs for the



SOUTHERN MARYLAND WANDERERS

This spring, Charles and Mary S. of the Southern Maryland Wanderers, a chapter of the Maryland Good Sams, dry-camped at Dogs for the Deaf during a cross country RV excursion. In addition to taking our tour, they also enjoyed a visit to southern Oregon's historical and still operational old Butte Creek Mill founded in 1872.

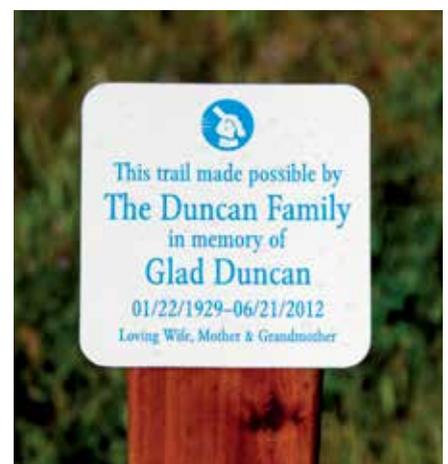
The Southern Maryland Wanderers, founded in 1976, currently have 24 members, or 12 rigs. They love to travel with their dogs, and typically camp from April through October at surrounding States like Virginia, Pennsylvania and Delaware. Besides camping, they like to organize fundraisers to help their favorite charity, Dogs for the Deaf! Fundraisers can sure

burn up those calories, so they like to end the day with a potluck. During meals, members like to swap recipes, display their culinary skills, and laugh at themselves because they are just plain "big eaters."

We enjoyed Charles and Mary's visit, and if any other Good Sam members happen to be in town, remember that you have an open invitation to dry-camp at Dogs for the Deaf. Just give us a call to let us know when you're coming, and we'll include a tour of our facility. We are ever so grateful to the Good Sam Club and chapters, and to the Southern Maryland Wanderers having supported us since the early 1980s. Thank you so much!

SAMS RADIO HAMS

Don Duncan, a member of Sam's Radio Hams, a chapter of Southern California's Good Sam Club stopped to visit his good friends at Dogs for the Deaf on August 17. Don adopted his faithful companion, Career Change Dog Mazzie, from Dogs for the Deaf in August 2013, not long after his wife, Glad, passed away. They have been best buddies ever since. Don had a memorial marker placed along the walking path at our training facility in honor of his wife.



CLUB NEWS



Coincidentally, Dusty O., also a member of Sam's Radio Hams, along with her sister-in-law, Loretta S., stopped by to visit a few days after our friends from the Good Sam Southern Maryland Wanderers. Dusty fondly related that when her husband passed away, Dusty and Loretta became traveling companions to help erase the void left in their lives. Together, they have traveled all over the world. One of their favorite trips was when they flew to Amsterdam and took a Viking River Cruise that disembarked at fascinating places like Lorelei, Germany and Budapest, to name just a few of their destinations.

Sam's Radio Hams was founded in 1980, and is between 40-50

members strong. Their motto is "Ham'in and RV'in." They are licensed amateur radio operators, and their radio club call is K6SRH. They have monthly campouts in southern California, Nevada and Arizona. Besides using the ham radio on the road and at home, many members volunteer in public service communications during fires, or natural disasters, and volunteer as examiners for FCC testing sessions. Sam's Radio Hams are loyal supporters of Dogs for the Deaf, and have been the top chapter - in terms of donations - since 2009. We can't accomplish our mission of rescuing dogs and helping people without compassionate organizations like Sam's Radio Hams. They truly are Good Samaritans!

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Sincerely,
Sherry A., Secretary/Treasurer, Good Sam's Texas at Large Chapter, Texas

Enclosed is our donation for \$100. We collected cans for the money. Our chapter is happy to help a deserving person to receive the Hearing Dog that they need. Need four patches and 18 bones this year!

Verna G., Historian Lone Star Travelers Chapter of the Good Sam Club, Texas

Please find enclosed a check for \$500 from Rock Valley Sams, a chapter of Illinois Good Sam. The funds are collected on a monthly basis, at our meetings. This donation includes a memorial gift from Annabell W., in memory of her late husband John. They were both active members of Rock Valley for many years.

Judi F., President, Illinois



Enclosed is our check in the amount of \$100 for the Lone Star Sams 2015 donation to Dogs for the Deaf. We take pleasure in supporting the work of your great organization. Our 30 members look forward to adding more Dog Bones to their chapter vests.

Ned D., Treasurer, Texas

On behalf of the Ready Roamers Good Sam Club of Albany, Oregon, we are donating \$125 to you to use for your programs.

Charlene H., Oregon

I am enclosing a check for \$95 from the Louisiana Good Sams. We recently had our Samboree and an afghan was made by Willa A., and donated to the Samboree to raise money for Dogs for the Deaf. The sale of tickets brought in \$95 for the donation to be used as necessary.

Sincerely,
Rodger P., Treasurer, Louisiana

Please accept our check in the amount of \$100 for Dogs for the Deaf. We appreciated all the good works that you do.

Thank you,
Vicki B., Treasurer, Peninsula Good Sams, Virginia

CLUB NEWS

The South Dakota Good Sam Director's meeting was held on Sat., April 18. A motion was made to send a donation of \$400 to Dogs for the Deaf. Enclosed you will find a check in that amount. We hope we can continue to support Dogs for the Deaf in the future.

Carol, L., South Dakota State Good Sam Treasurer

Our Round-Tuit Club attends a Good Sam Club Samboree in Perry, Ga., twice a year and we collect money for your organization through our "Pot of Gold" efforts. Our group is very dedicated to your very worthwhile service. We are pleased to be mailing you a check for \$191 for our Spring 2015 event.

Maria B., Good Sam Club, Round-Tuit Club, Chapter 32, Georgia

Enclosed find the profit from our flea market fund raiser on July 4. Our small chapter of seven families raised a total of \$465.75. It was great fun and we were pleased to share information about the valuable services you provide to those in need.

*Sincerely,
Barba G., Drifting Sams RV Club,
California*

Enclosed you will find checks in the amount of \$188.55, a donation from Big River Sams Chapter of Iowa Good Sams, and proceeds from games of skill and chance at our Samboree. These were presented at the Iowa State Samboree held in Amana, June 25 - 28.

Lorene H., Treasurer, Iowa Good Sams, Iowa

This month we lost one of our members in Canyon Sams, Dick W. His wife, Karmen, has sent me a check from the "Friends of Dick" donation to Dogs for the Deaf. His friends knew how much he loved dogs, so please find enclosed our check for \$50.

We were so impressed with both Dogs for the Deaf presentations at Moses Lake. Thanks again for your work.

Linda S., Treasurer, Canyon Sams, Washington



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Deaf through fundraisers and by writing letters and promoting the cause to Drove presidents.

“It takes a lot of talking and I guess that’s what I’m good at,” jokes Jo.

She created a program that awarded Drove that were successful in getting all of their members to donate \$2.50 per member. With almost 5000 members across the United States, that adds up to a lot. Jo also started a “raffle room” that has become a tradition at the Does’ annual convention whereby all proceeds go to Dogs for the Deaf.

Jo’s daughter Belinda Puckett donated \$5000 for a plaque to sponsor an Assistance Dog we placed named Jo Jo. Jo’s grandchildren call her Jo Jo, not grandma.

The highest ranking in the BPO Does organization is the Supreme President position. Jo and Belinda are only the third mother and daughter to both be Past Supreme Presidents in the Does’ nearly 100-year history. They are the only living ones who are both still alive.

“You can make a difference. All you have to give is a little bit of your time,” says Jo.

At the BPO Does 2015 annual convention in New Mexico, the present Public Relations Director Past Supreme President Ellen Tomberlin and her committee presented Dogs for the Deaf with a check for \$13,382.70. We are forever grateful for their ongoing support.

OBITUARIES

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of any of the dogs we rescue, train and place. These wonderful friends have provided many years of faithful service and love. They will be fondly remembered by those who loved them and were part of their lives.

Annabelle - Career Change Dog with Diane and Charles D., Oregon for 12 years.

Arby - Hearing Dog with Natalie H., Louisiana., for 11 years.

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Bean - Career Change Dog with Jack and Carol N., Oregon for 11 years.

Journey - Hearing Dog with William B., Georgia, for 12 years.

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#CP BBALL KHA - Khaki cap/brown embroidery

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This comfortable ladies long-sleeved t-shirt comes in two colors - eggplant with silver graphics and white with melon graphics. "The Best Things in Life are Rescued" logo is on the front, left chest with adorable paw prints running up one arm of the t-shirt. Made of comfy 100% cotton.

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