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ON THE COVER...

Ian is a three-year-old Yellow Labrador Retriever who originally came from Guide Dogs for the Blind in Boring, Oregon. As shown on the cover, Ian was trained and placed as an Autism Assistance Dog with a family in Oregon as part of Dogs for the Deaf's beta Autism Assistance Dog Program.

Dogs for the Deaf, Inc., a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, professionally trains dogs to help people and enhance lives while maintaining a lifelong commitment to all dogs we rescue or breed and the people we serve.



LETTER FROM BLAKE MATRAY



We're proud of our hard work at Dogs for the Deaf this past fiscal year ending in June of 2016. Our Assistance Dog graduation rate is up, and we placed more dogs this year than in any of the previous 15 years. We're also continuing to work on expanding our program offerings, and we've attended numerous nationwide events. I'm grateful for the generosity of our donors and the hard work of our staff and volunteers, which have allowed us to enhance numerous lives this past year.

I'm also excited to share that in April of this year, we placed our first Autism Assistance Dog as part of our beta program. We're in the final stages of developing this great new program for our organization. Our Training Department is working to refine our training protocols in order to produce the highest quality Autism Assistance Dogs available.

Current data from the Centers for Disease Control states that 1 in 68 children in the United States are on the Autism spectrum. As a result, there is a tremendous need for Autism Assistance Dogs and we at Dogs for the Deaf look forward to helping meet this ever growing need. In addition to

enhancing the child's safety, our Autism Assistance Dogs will also have a calming effect and may increase the child's willingness and ability to communicate. Currently, we are seeking families with an autistic child in Southern Oregon to participate in our beta Autism Assistance Dog Program.

We look forward to sharing more about our Autism Assistance Dog Program with you in this issue. Ultimately, we're excited about expanding the number of people we help and the lives we touch.

Without the collaboration of our donors, ambassadors and volunteers, our continued efforts to better the lives of people would not be possible. We thank you for your ongoing support, and please know we appreciate you very much. All of us at Dogs for the Deaf wish you a wonderful holiday season.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Blake E. Matray".

Blake E. Matray
President & CEO

WE GET LETTERS



Hello. For my Bat Mitzvah project, I decided to hold a car wash fundraiser and donate the money I raised to Dogs for the Deaf. I love your organization and everything you do for dogs and people. My mother and several friends have hearing loss. Having someone in my family with hearing loss, I understand how hard it is for them. I believe Dogs for the Deaf will help people with hearing loss and their families have an easier time.

Fortunately, the car wash was a huge success. In all, including donations, online and actually washing many cars (with the help of my friends and family), I raised over \$1,455.00. I know that the money raised will help many dogs and people and continue to benefit your organization.

Sincerely,
Lainey C., NJ

Thank you so much for all your kindness. I wish I could bottle Shayna's happiness and excitement and share it with you. It's absolutely tangible. Because of Lileu and her job, she is the happiest she's been in many, many years. I don't think I realized the weight of being hearing impaired and the effort of getting through day-to-day life.

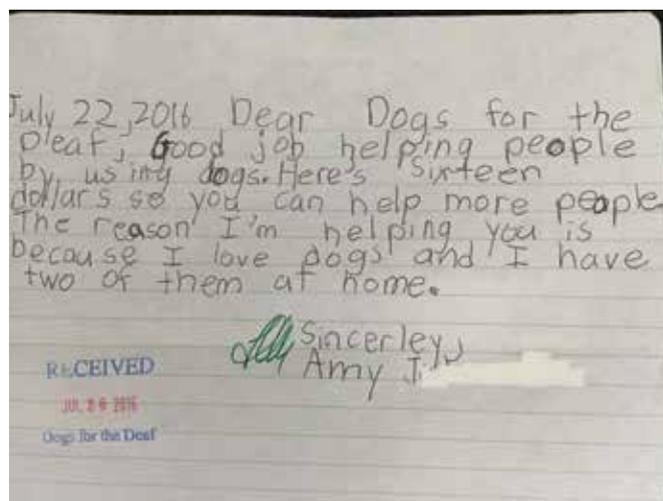
Paige W., Connecticut (Mother of Client Shayna W.)

It is with great joy that we send you this donation. It was collected at our Marriage reception. We have sent you what was given during the dollar dance. May your efforts be always blessed. We truly believe in what you are doing.

"In Credo Canis Fortis"

From the bottom of our newly married hearts...

Bob & Ava Fox, Vormund (mobility service dog), and Chia (retired emotional support dog)



Good job helping people by using dogs. Here's sixteen dollars so you can help more people. The reason I'm helping you is because I love dogs and I have two of them at home.

Sincerely,
Amy J., OH

I am so grateful to have a repurposed dog, Levi. He now rules the house and tells the big lab what to do. He plays with me and enjoys my lap in the evening. We were made for each other.

Thank you,
Levi & Ann H.



“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 Harvey Potts for more information, (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.



PLACEMENT HIGHLIGHTS



INDY

Indy is a Chihuahua and Dachshund mix who came from the Humane Society of Utah before being placed with Phoebe D. in New York. Phoebe was nervous about introducing Indy to Sylvester, her senior cat, but her worries faded quickly when she spotted Indy and Sylvester sleeping side-by-side on a pet bed during Indy's second day in the home. Indy provides Phoebe with companionship and alerts her to sounds when her hearing aids are off.

Indy was sponsored by Benevolent Patriotic Order of DOES



LILEU

Lileu, a Kelpie, Terrier, and Basenji mix, was picked up as a stray by a shelter outside of Reno before being placed with Shayna W. in Connecticut. Lileu alerts Shayna to sounds and gives her the confidence she needs to be more independent. Their partnership turned out to be serendipitous as it was discovered that Lileu arrived at Dogs for the Deaf on Shayna's birthday.

Lileu was sponsored by Benevolent Patriotic Order of DOES



WES

Wes came from Lovable Rescue in Eugene, Oregon and was placed with Michele O. in California. Michele wanted a dog to alert her to sounds in the home, as well as to increase awareness in public, and Wes is the perfect fit. Within a couple hours of meeting one another, it was clear that Wes and Michele adore each other.

Wes was sponsored by The Kersic Estate in memory of Natalie Kersic



VALLEY

Valley was trained at Guide Dogs for the Blind before arriving at Dogs for the Deaf to be trained as a Hearing Dog. She was placed with Diane M. in Michigan, and she helps alert Diane to sounds, provides companionship, and accompanies Diane on her active lifestyle of running, kickboxing, and spin classes.

Valley was sponsored by Benevolent Patriotic Order of DOES



FANCY

Fancy, a Black Labrador, was trained at Guide Dogs for the Blind before arriving at Dogs for the Deaf and being placed as a Program Assistance Dog with Catherine Z. in Oregon. Fancy now spends her days with Catherine at a children's advocacy center helping children heal and giving them courage to talk about wounds from their past.

Fancy was sponsored by Benevolent Patriotic Order of DOES



RASCAL

Rascal, a Chihuahua mix, came from Bakersfield, California before being placed as a Hearing Dog with Carolyn W. in Colorado. Rascal now spends his days bowling and watching television with Carolyn, who is thankful for the company and companionship that Rascal brings. Rascal also helps alert Catherine to phone calls and people knocking at the door, among other sounds.

Rascal was sponsored by Benevolent Patriotic Order of DOES



MORRIS

Morris is a Lhasa Apso mix who was placed as a Hearing Dog with Stephanie W. of South Carolina, a previous client who Hearing Dog Dazzle had the privilege of helping for 12 years. Morris now follows in Dazzle's footsteps, providing Stephanie with companionship and alerting her to sounds. Stephanie shares her gratitude with the Reseda Women's Club who sponsored Morris: "... I'm so excited to be with my new life partner... Thank you, again, so much, for making my dreams come true and for giving me a new lease on life."

Morris was sponsored by CFWC Reseda Women's Club

FOLLOW UPS

OPIE

Kathie V. of Washington says Hearing Dog Opie has made a huge difference in her life in many ways. Not only does she no longer have to worry about hearing her husband, John, since Opie works the name call, but she now knows when someone is at the door. Opie is also a big help when she is cooking by working the oven timer, but her favorite time with Opie is in the mornings when he gently wakes her up.



Opie

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Gizmo

GIZMO

Hearing Dog Gizmo is a big help for Carol R. of Oregon, especially alerting to name call. Gizmo is also very bonded with Carol's grandchildren and enjoys taking his naps along with them. Carol appreciates his good, well-mannered personality.

Carol R., Oregon



Cookie

COOKIE

Hearing Dog Cookie and client David M. of Oregon have been a team for a little over a year. David enjoys all of Cookie's help with sounds, but the alarm clock and phone are his favorite. David's favorite moment this past year was bringing Cookie with him while visiting his son and family in Texas.

David M., Oregon



Captain

CAPTAIN

Hearing Dog Captain (aka: Dobby) and Dana J. of Washington have been together for a year, and Captain's training helps Dana feel more secure at night, especially when her processors are out. A few days after his placement, Captain made sure Dana knew just how helpful he would be by going above and beyond his training and alerting Dana when she left the water on in the kitchen.

Dana J., Washington

VIDALIA

Ken K. and Hearing Dog Vidalia have been together for just over a year, and they are already a great team. Ken enjoys having Vidalia wake him up for work when the alarm goes off and says "her help with sound work has made a big difference in my life."

Ken K., Nevada

Vidalia



CHRISTI

Hearing Dog Christi and Kelli Y. of Nebraska have been a team for 13 years. Christi is now enjoying her well-deserved retirement. "It is my turn to provide the security and help Christi provided me through her years of service," Kelli says.

Kelli Y., Nebraska

Christi



ALIA

Hearing Dog Alia and Addie M. of Nevada are inseparable. When asked about a favorite moment with Alia, Addie responded, "All the moments are favorites! She is such a sweet dog and always lifts my spirits. She is my joy!"

Addie M., Nevada

Alia



ON THE ROAD

JAN ATTENDS HER FIRST GOOD SAM CLUB RALLY

CEO Blake Matray traveled to Alaska in July to attend an Alaska Good Sam Club Rally. Two Rivers residents Mark and MaryAnn C. also attended, introducing Good Sam Club members to Jan, MaryAnn's Hearing Dog. Jan was

trained at Dogs for the Deaf before being placed as a Hearing Dog with MaryAnn, and their presence at the Rally was a visible representation of the Alaska Good Sam Club's donations at work in people's lives. Jan is the first dog to be placed

with a resident of interior Alaska, an accomplishment that would not have been possible without our treasured partnership with Good Sam Clubs.



Dogs for the Deaf CEO Blake Matray, MaryAnn and Mark, Hearing Dog Jan, and Alaska Good Sam Club State Director Darwin Fischer. Photo courtesy of Mat-Su Valley Frontiersman.

DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR HARVEY POTTS HITS THE ROAD

Dogs for the Deaf's Development Director, Harvey Potts, recently joined the Dogs for the Deaf team, and he wasted no time before hitting the road. In September, he attended the fall Ohio Good Sam Rally, met with Good Sam Ohio State Directors Keith and Paul Hallowell, and thanked the Ohio Good Sam members for their continued support and generosity. While there, Harvey also staffed a booth, met with members of the Ohio Good Sam Club, and made a presentation on behalf of Dogs for the Deaf. Outside of the Good Sam event, he met with Dogs for the Deaf donors and Ambassadors during his four-day trip.



Harvey Potts at the Ohio Good Sam Rally

ANN GROSSMAN ATTENDS COQUILLE INDIAN TRIBE AWARD CEREMONY

This past year, Development Assistant and Grant Writer Ann Grossman submitted her first grant application and was awarded \$2,500 from the Coquille Tribal Community Fund to go toward the reactivation of Dogs for the Deaf's Autism Assistance Dog Program.

She attended an award ceremony in February at The Mill Casino in Coos Bay, Oregon.

"This being the first grant I applied for, for Dogs for the Deaf, I was astounded when we were named a recipient," Ann says. "The entire process was a very positive

learning experience, and I felt very honored to attend and represent Dogs for the Deaf at the award ceremony, as well as be welcomed by the grant writing community."

The fund reflects the commitment of the Coquille Indian Tribe to take a proactive, positive role in the community's wellbeing. Supported by a percentage of revenue from The Mill Casino, the fund is managed and distributed by a board of community leaders and tribal representatives. The fund has distributed more than \$5.5 million to support projects in the areas of education, health, public safety, arts and culture, problem gaming treatment and historic preservation in a five-county region of Southern Oregon, and we are proud to be a recipient.



Ann Grossman at award ceremony

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

DANNY G.

Danny G. has been volunteering and walking dogs at Dogs for the Deaf for just a short few months, but he already feels like “it has been one of the best things that has happened to me in a long time.”

Originally from California, Danny moved to Southern Oregon in 2010 and recently discovered Dogs for the Deaf after witnessing a Dogs for the Deaf trainer working with a dog in public. After talking with the trainer, Danny scheduled a time to come visit our facility, take a tour, and learn more about the dogs available for adoption. While here, he also learned about the volunteer opportunities available. Eager to help, Danny turned his application in the very next day.

A Retired Coast Guard veteran with 20 years of service, Danny deals with depression and PTSD and believes that volunteering and walking the dogs has greatly helped with this area of his life. “The love and attention I get from all the dogs I walk just makes my day,” Danny says. “The dogs show unconditional love, and all I do is walk them. They take away a lot of my stress. I can’t explain it.”

Danny is particularly fond of Dallas, a Terrier and Airedale mix. “Dallas reminds me of a dog I had growing up,” Danny shares. “The other day, while we were walking, I was a little tired after already walking three other dogs, so when we got to the first bench, we both sat down, and he put his head on my lap while we sat there for a few minutes enjoying the view.”

Dogs for the Deaf is lucky to have volunteers like Danny. “It is my privilege to work with them all,” says Volunteer Coordinator Linda Kendrick.



We love our volunteers who walk the dogs every day at our facility, and we are sure the dogs love them even more! If you are interested in becoming a volunteer and making the trip to beautiful Lower Table Rock to exercise the dogs in training, call Volunteer Coordinator Linda Kendrick at 800-990-3647 ext. 324, or visit our website at www.dogsforthe deaf.org/volunteer.

CAREER CHANGE DOGS



LYNN “SKIPS” FOR JOY

Lynn L. of Oregon, volunteered at Dogs for the Deaf walking dogs, rain or shine, and fostered dogs for Dogs for the Deaf for seven years before deciding to adopt a dog of his own.

After “retiring” from his volunteer work in 2014, Lynn adopted Franz, one of the Career Change Dogs he had fostered, and renamed him Skipper. Lynn takes Skipper everywhere. They’ve traveled to California to visit family, they’ve gone to the coast, and sometimes they fish on weekends. Their tradition is their daily walks, and Skipper loves to remind Lynn when it’s time to go. During these excursions, Lynn noticed how easily Skipper makes friends as he is always eager to play with dogs of Lynn’s friends. Hence, it didn’t take long before Lynn decided to adopt a second dog!

When Lynn called Dogs for the Deaf to request a second dog, he learned that Skip, one of the dogs he had previously fostered, was suddenly available for adoption. It was fate, and Lynn was ecstatic!

To ensure that the two dogs got along prior to finalizing the adoption, we arranged for the two dogs to meet. Skip recognized Lynn and was very happy to see him, but when he met Skipper, he got even more excited. The dogs got along instantly and began to play together. Two days later, Skip was placed in his forever home with Lynn and Skipper.

“It is so nice to have two well-behaved dogs that get along so well together,” says Lynn. “Their antics make me laugh, and I am really enjoying them. Thank you.”

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 three-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.dogsforthe deaf.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.dogsforthe deaf.org.



FIRST AUTISM ASSISTANCE DOG SHINES:

I A N A N D P A R K E R

In February, a Yellow Labrador Retriever named Ian became the first dog from Dogs for the Deaf to be trained and placed as an Autism Assistance Dog with a boy named Parker. Ian originally came from Guide Dogs for the Blind in Boring, Oregon before arriving at Dogs for the Deaf to

be trained as an Autism Assistance Dog as part of a beta program. Since Ian's placement, we had the privilege of sitting down with Parker's mother, Emilie, to laugh, cry, and hear of the many ways that Ian has impacted Parker and their entire family's life for the better.



Emilie, Parker, and Certified Assistance Dog Trainer Jenny Nickelson at Ian's Placement Ceremony

DFD: What differences have you noticed in Parker since Ian's arrival?

Emilie: Parker is so much calmer with Ian around. Parker seeks him out, and even if they are not physically touching (which is rare), Parker is more relaxed. I have also seen Parker step up to the responsibility of being a pet owner. Parker is responsible for the majority of tasks involved with caring for Ian, and he has never once complained about this responsibility. It's helped the transition of Parker getting up in the morning for school quicker because he knows he has the responsibility of feeding Ian and letting him out.

DFD: Has Ian's presence affected other members of your family?

Emilie: Ian has an impact on everyone he meets. He's not just a pet—he quickly became another member of our family. He makes us laugh and brings daily joy to all of us. He has a huge personality, and you can see it in the expressions on his face. He senses when we are sick or stressed, and if he is not with Parker, Ian is sitting on the feet of whoever needs him most.

“It showed that he's not only the right dog for our family, but his relationship with Parker is intimate, and he knows his needs.”

DFD: Can you share a recent moment when Ian helped Parker during a difficult situation?

Emilie: Like a lot of kids, Parker is very afraid of bees, and it is amplified when seen through the lens of autism. He loves camping and going to the river, except for the bugs. While camping this summer, a giant bumblebee landed on Parker, and he melted down in fear. I held him and waved the bee away, but he wouldn't stop shaking. Ian instantly ran behind Parker and pushed himself up against the back of Parker's knees while I held him in the front. Without being told, Ian instantly knew that Parker needed pressure



to help calm his anxiety. Ian's size isn't just helpful with tethering; it helps with applying pressure, which comforts Parker during stressful times and helps him sleep better. In that moment, Ian became my teammate, helping me comfort Parker when I needed him the most. From then on, Ian didn't leave Parker's side, and everyone who witnessed it was amazed. It showed that he's not only the right dog for our family, but his relationship with Parker is intimate, and he knows his needs.

DFD: What's Parker's favorite thing about Ian?

Emilie: If you ask Parker, he would tell you that Ian is “so cute” and “so soft.” From my perspective, Parker's favorite thing about Ian is his consistency. When Parker needs him, Ian is there. Ian sleeps at his feet every night. Ian is by his side during new experiences in the community. Ian is always up for a game of fetch and presses his weight against Parker for deep pressure when Parker is anxious. When we travel, Ian snuggles up against him, which de-escalates Parker's anxiety. I imagined that Ian would be helpful for Parker, but I never thought that their relationship would be magical—It is.



DFD: When Ian is not working, what does he like to do?

Emilie: Ian loves to run and play catch. He believes himself to be a small, lap dog, so he is often up against or on top of anyone who is sitting. When we camp, he loves to swim with us and run into the water to fetch sticks.

DFD: What was Ian's placement and follow-up experience like?

Emilie: Our experience with Dogs for the Deaf has been fantastic. The staff was so accommodating and anxious to learn more about how autism impacts our family. Jenny, Ian's Trainer, was a joy to work with, and we looked forward to seeing her every day of our placement week.

Interview between Canine Listener Editor Jessica Zigenis and Emilie W.

Dogs for the Deaf plans to build on the success achieved through Ian's placement. We are currently interviewing families in Southern Oregon who we hope will become the recipients of our next Autism Assistance Dogs.



A MESSAGE FROM

OUR TRAINING DIRECTOR



Dogs for the Deaf has been working hard to build a new Autism Assistance Dog program. This Program is in addition to our already established Program Assistance Dog and Hearing Dog Programs. Our Autism Assistance Dogs are trained and placed with families whose children are between the ages of 5 and 12 and have been diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder. Many families have to divide tasks when doing daily errands as the child may not do well in a public setting. Getting a haircut or going to the dentist can be difficult and stressful, causing the child anxiety. An Autism Assistance Dog can have a very calming influence on the child, giving the family the ability to live life in a less stressful behavioral environment. The parent or guardian is the handler of the Autism Assistance Dog, with the child holding the dog's harness and tethered by a wrist leash. The Autism Assistance Dog acts as a stabilizing force so the child cannot

bolt into an unsafe area, allowing the parent to gain control of the situation without having to chase after the child.

Additionally, many children on the Autism Spectrum desire pressure similar to a hug when dealing with a difficult situation. Our Autism Assistance Dogs are trained to lie across the child, providing this pressure technique, which can have a calming effect. Our Autism Assistance Dogs may assist a child with limited speech by allowing the child to give the dog commands to help them practice their vocalization, and putting on the dog's harness can help a child improve their fine motor skills. These are just some of the skill sets our dogs are trained to assist with.

this specialized training in shelters. Labradors and Golden Retrievers have proven to be excellent breeds for our Autism Assistance Dog Program. For the program to be successful and allow us to place highly trained and stable dogs with a child on the Autism Spectrum, we feel it is necessary for us to breed for this purpose only. In no way will this hinder our efforts of rescuing dogs for our Hearing Dog and Program Assistance Dog Programs. Dogs for the Deaf will always rescue dogs from shelters and train them for those in need.

Currently, we are accepting applications from families with an Autistic child who reside in the Southern Oregon area for our beta Autism Assistance Dog Program. As

“For the program to be successful and allow us to place highly trained and stable dogs with a child on the Autism Spectrum, we feel it is necessary for us to breed for this purpose only.”

For nearly 40 years, Dogs for the Deaf has been rescuing dogs from shelters and training them as Hearing Dogs. The small mixed breeds found in the shelters work well for our Hearing Dog Program. Due to the circumstances the Autism Assistance Dogs may encounter each day, it is necessary that our Autism Assistance Dogs be over 55 pounds and have a very solid temperament. Unfortunately, it is very difficult to find dogs of the size and temperament needed for

we continue to grow this program, we will expand and eventually place nationwide. Please watch for further program updates and to hear the great stories of how these Autism Assistance Dogs change the lives of children on the Autism Spectrum.

John Drach has been the Training Director at Dogs for the Deaf since 2011.



EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

BEHIND THE SCENES WITH CLIENT SERVICES REPRESENTATIVE ANJANETTE WRIGHT

Anjanette Wright joined Dogs for the Deaf in May of 2015. As the Client Services Representative, Anjanette has the unique opportunity to not only work with clients applying for an Assistance Dog, but to assist in the dog's training process, most recently our Autism Assistance Dog Program.

Though Dogs for the Deaf's Autism Assistance Dog program is not yet ready to receive applications from the general public, we are setting the foundation with our Beta Program, and this has allowed Anjanette to assist two families in navigating the application process, acceptance, and finally the placement process of an Autism Assistance Dog.

As a future Autism Assistance Dog goes through the training process, Anjanette has had the opportunity to step away from her desk and play an active role in the dog's training. She has participated in the training of Autism Assistance Dogs Ian and Yoko, both under the guidance of their trainer, Jenny Nickelson. Both Ian and Yoko became her "office dog" whenever they weren't busy working with Jenny, allowing Anjanette to take

them for walks and enjoy some quality time with both of them. Additionally, she participated in their formal training by being tethered to the dogs and going the opposite direction so they could learn how to react if their future client, a child, was to bolt, as well as letting them rest their head on her lap while learning the “say hi” command, among others.

“Truth be told,” Anjanette says, “though I would go home with my black pants covered in white and yellow dog fur, the “say hi” is my favorite command. There is nothing like looking into the soulful eyes of a dog, petting them, and letting the rest of the world slip by for that moment in time. Ian and Yoko brought me comfort during my time with them, a kind of peace I think one only finds in a dog. My hope is they bring that to all they encounter, not just the ones who hold the leash.”

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Foster Puppy training day at Jackson County Fire District 3 (White City, Oregon)

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A PUPPY RAISER

BY: HANNAH CRANE

Imagine a crisp autumn morning; the sun is just rising in the east and beams of light are playing off of the beautiful shades of yellow, orange, and red colors in the trees. As you start to make that first pot of coffee allowing the aroma to fill the air around you, you hear a faint pitter patter down the hall. The sound gets progressively louder, and you see the first glimpse of a small, yellow ball of fur just around the corner. The second you make eye contact with that

yellow mass of fluff, it bounds towards you clumsily with mouth wide open and tongue lolling out to one side, and you brace for impact. You can't help but smile as a shower of puppy kisses bombards you. As a puppy raiser, you get to enjoy these sweet moments every day.

“All of this is made possible because someone generously gave of their time and effort to help raise a puppy who would one day become an Autism Assistance Dog and help change the lives of families in need.”

Our Foster Puppy Program brings people of all ages together, creating a community of caring and hardworking puppy raisers. We're looking

for potential puppy raisers here in beautiful Southern

Oregon who are willing to dedicate their time to help us build a solid foundation for these future Assistance Dogs. After being selected, our puppy raisers receive a foster puppy at 8 weeks of age and continue to raise the dog until it is 14 months of age. During their time fostering and raising, they attend basic obedience classes with their foster puppy. They also go on outings so the puppy gets exposed to a multitude of different environments. After a year of raising and training, the puppy is returned to Dogs for the Deaf to begin its next step towards becoming an Assistance Dog.

One of the most common things we hear from potential puppy raisers is “How are people able to give up their foster puppy after a year of raising them and watching them grow?” The answer is simpler than you might think:

Close your eyes and imagine a mother or father with a child on the Autism Spectrum. They love their child and would give anything to ensure that their child

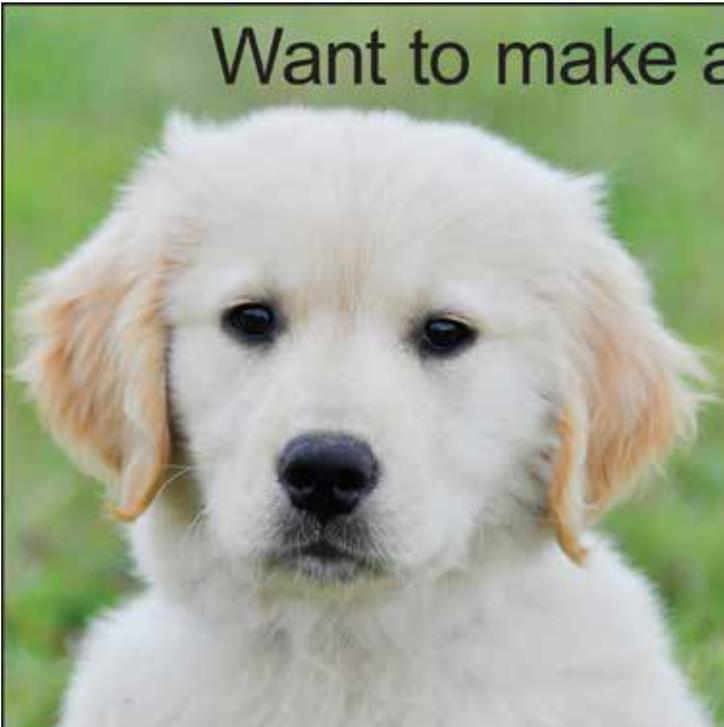
grows up happy and well taken care of in a world that isn't always understanding. Going in public, even to the grocery store, is never an easy task. Balancing work, doctor appointments, support group meetings, and every day life is complex, until one day they enlist the help of an Autism Assistance Dog. Suddenly grocery trips become easier, teachers notice a change in the child's behavior, doctor appointments aren't as stressful, and overall, their child is more relaxed and calm at home and in public, all because of an Autism Assistance Dog.

All of this is made possible because someone generously gave of their time and effort to help raise a puppy who would one day become an Autism Assistance Dog and help change the lives of families in need. I am so humbled to be a part of this program, to watch these puppies and their raisers work together, and to see the end result in the lives that they have changed. It starts with a puppy and ends in changed lives.



Foster Puppies with volunteer Foster Puppy Raiser Paul

Hannah Crane is the Foster Puppy Program Coordinator and has been working at Dogs for the Deaf since May of 2015.



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CLUB NEWS

THE SPRUCE RUNNERS VISIT DOGS FOR THE DEAF

Dogs for the Deaf received a pleasant surprise when the Spruce Runners, an Oregon RV chapter of the Good Sam Club, toured our facility on July 12, 2016. The Good Sam Club is an international organization of recreational vehicle owners and is the largest organization of its kind in the world. The Good Sam Club is also Dogs for the Deaf's largest service group champion and has been supporting Dogs for the Deaf since the early 1980s, and the Spruce Runners have proudly supported Dogs for the Deaf since 1989.

We rolled out the red carpet for the Spruce Runners during their visit and tour. They saw several of our dogs in training, our kennels, a Hearing Dog demonstration, and a video before it ended with an informative and educational Q & A session.

Kimberly Miller attended their state's Rally earlier this year in June at the Roseburg County Fairgrounds. In addition to enjoying their homemade tacos and catered dinner, Kimberly had fun competing in their version of a horse race. State Rallies fluctuate in size anywhere from 50 to over 300 rigs, and you will always find lots of food, games, prizes, awards, and camaraderie.

Thank you for your continued support, Spruce Runners!



Good Sam Club Letters



CenturyLink Telephone Pioneers solicited recommendations from our Treasure Valley Club members for nonprofit organizations where they themselves volunteer or groups that they would like to see receive a Pioneer monetary donation. Carol and Dick D., two of your dedicated volunteers and Lifetime members of the CenturyLink Pioneers, have again nominated Dogs for the Deaf, Inc. for consideration.

It is my pleasure to inform you that the CenturyLink Pioneers, Idaho Chapter 121, Treasure Valley Combined Club approved a donation in the amount of \$500.00. We hope this will assist in funding your good works.

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Yours Truly,
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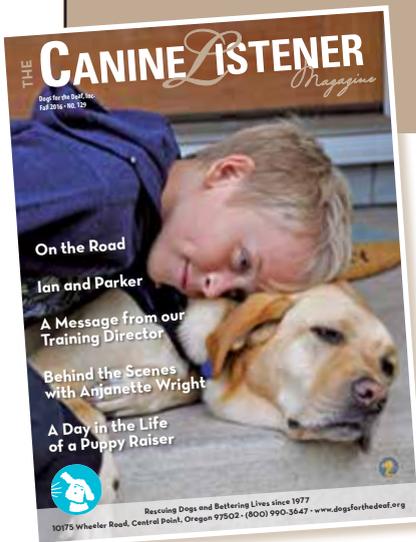
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