



Oregon State Good Sams Fund Dogs for the Deaf Videos

Thank you to Oregon Good Sams, for generously funding the production of four Dogs for the Deaf informational videos!



The first video is complete and will be used to prepare recipients for the placement process of their new Hearing Dog. Two additional videos have been produced to inform prospective clients of the Autism Assistance and Program Assistance Dog programs. The final video is an instructional video that will assist in the training of Ambassadors who perform interviews for Dogs for the Deaf.

The Oregon Good Sam Club is affiliated with the Good Sam Club which is an international organization of recreational vehicles (RV). The Good Sam Club's goal is to make RVing safer and more enjoyable and to save members money through club-endorsed benefits and services. Together they have donated over \$4.5 million since 1989 to Dogs for the Deaf's programs.



Hearing Dog Placement: Romeo



Romeo, a Chihuahua mix, was rescued from the Humane Society in Vancouver, Washington, and placed with Doris in North Carolina. Doris has been a Dogs for the Deaf client since 1990, and Romeo is her third Hearing Dog.

When Doris and Romeo first met, he walked right up to her, tail wagging, and sat in her lap. Doris expressed, "You know, Romeo, you're my kind of dog, no doubt!" The two of them are perfectly matched!

Finding, training and placing Assistance Dogs with new – and returning clients – takes an incredible commitment by our Client Services and Training teams. Your donations are essential to helping us continue our mission of professionally training dogs to help people and enhance lives. Thank you!

Visit our [website](#) to learn about our Hearing Dog program.

Training Staff Attends Clicker Expo

Earlier this month, some of our Dogs for the Deaf trainers attended the *Clicker Expo* in Portland, Oregon to learn new training tips and techniques, as well as to network with other professional trainers.

Clicker training is a system of teaching that uses positive reinforcement in combination with an event marker.

Our trainers participated in 12 classes during the 3-day workshop, including how to recognize and treat fear, flow charting training plans, strategies to help deal with burnout, methods for treating food guarding, and many more topics.

They came back invigorated – and exhausted – and are already sharing what they've learned with the rest of the Dogs for the Deaf training team.



Local Media Helps Share Our Need for Foster Families in Southern Oregon

Kristin Hosfelt from KOB-TV News 5 in Medford, Oregon recently interviewed Training Director, John Drach, about the growing need for foster puppy families in our Autism Assistance Dog program. "There's no specific thing that we require other than you love dogs, you can attend class regularly, and you're willing to put the time and effort to prepare these dogs for the next step of their lives."



We are grateful for the amazing foster families who currently care for our puppies, and with two more puppies arriving this spring, we are excited to expand our foster program to support the growing need for Assistance Dogs nationwide. Visit the KOB-TV News 5 [website](#) to view the story.

To learn more about our Foster Puppy Program and the opportunity to support it, visit our [Foster a Dog](#) web page.
