



Looking Forward to 2017

We are incredibly excited for 2017 and all of the great things planned for the new year! Dogs for the Deaf is proud to be celebrating its 40th year rescuing, professionally training and placing Assistance Dogs throughout the United States. We are continuing to refine our Autism Assistance Dog Program and will build a second training facility that will allow us to house and train even more Assistance Dogs – ultimately partnering many more clients with their own special assistance dogs. For more information, visit our [website](#) to learn how you can be a part of our new training facility project.

Thank you for the past 40 years – with your help we’re looking forward to many more years to come!

Celebrating Our 40th Anniversary

Dogs for the Deaf was founded in 1977 by the late Roy G. Kabat who worked with exotic and domestic animals for movies and television. After retiring to southern Oregon, Roy was contacted by the American Humane Association in Denver, Colorado. A deaf woman in Minnesota had owned a dog that trained itself to let her know when sounds were occurring in her home. As she lost more of her hearing, her dog alerted her to more and more sounds. After her beloved dog died, the woman realized how much she had come to depend on her dog and began a search for someone to train a new dog for her. The American Humane Association initiated experimental work trying to train dogs to help people who were deaf, and they contacted Roy for advice. After spending two weeks in



Denver, Roy came back to Oregon and founded Dogs for the Deaf.

In its early days, Dogs for the Deaf was located outside of Jacksonville, Oregon in the Applegate Valley. In 1989, the facility was relocated to its current 40-acre site at the base of lower Table Rock in Central Point, Oregon.

Roy's original vision to professionally train dogs to help people and enhance lives continues on today. Forty years later, we remain committed to Roy's legacy made possible through your continuous and generous [donations](#). Thank you!



Helping Paw Partners Support Future Rockets

Rocket was placed with Geraldine in Florida last October when it became apparent that she needed help hearing sounds, such as when her husband fell and she could not hear his cry for help. All is well with the happy Florida couple, thanks to little Rocket and to all of our recurring donors – our [Helping Paw Partners](#)!



New Transportation Van

We are very grateful to our partners at Crater Lake Ford, Arthur R. Dubs Foundation, Frog Crossing Foundation, a private family foundation, and Southern Oregon Signs for supporting the purchase and colorful wrap of our new dog transportation van. Our rescue team can hardly wait to take it out on the road to pick up even more rescue in the western United States – showcasing our featured dogs and brand along the way!

