



Third Autism Assistance Dog Placed in Southern Oregon

Autism Assistance Dog Dinero — a two-and-a-half-year-old Black Labrador — successfully completed his training at Dogs for the Deaf in February and now resides with a family in White City, Oregon. Certified Assistance Dog Trainer Jessica spent six months training Dinero, teaching him the skills needed to work with a child on the autism spectrum.

Dinero has made a significant impact on the life of this child and his family. "Dinero is more than just a dog to Jack: he is his confidant, best friend, and grounding agent when the world appears so vast and unyielding," stated his mother, Whitney.



Dinero is the third Autism Assistance Dog in the last year to be trained and placed by Dogs for the Deaf. As of May 1, Dogs for the Deaf has expanded the application area to central Oregon, which includes Roseburg, Eugene, and Bend. In the near future, the program will expand across the state, and eventually nationwide.



Delight Brings Joy to Bert and Claydene

Hearing Dog Delight was placed with Bert in Washington State in January, replacing the sadness that he had after their previous Hearing Dog passed away. Bert and his wife, Claydene, shed tears of joy the moment Delight came through their door — a wonderful gift worth waiting for!

Hearing Dog Maple Gives Karen Peace of Mind

Karen received that long-awaited phone call in early April. She learned that a match had been made, and she would soon be meeting her "hearing" companion, Maple, a Home Hearing Dog from Dogs for the Deaf.

Almost five years ago, Karen lost hearing in one ear. It had been difficult for her to hear certain sounds and know exactly where they were coming from. Today, Karen relies on Maple to tell her when someone is at the door, when the phone rings, oven timer or smoke alarms, etc. Maple has given Karen peace of mind again and has brought joy to her new home.



Lions Club International Foundation Approves New Kennel Grant



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[Lions Club International Foundation](#) (LCIF) recently approved a grant to support the construction of our second training facility. The new facility will have 40 kennels, nearly tripling the number of kennels that will be available for our dogs in training beginning in early 2017. Thank you LCIF for generously supporting our dogs and our mission *to professionally train dogs to help people and enhance lives!*
