



Your investment in focused training yields life-enhancing results.



Harrison Lends an Ear

Certified Assistance Dog Trainer Jenny Nickelson placed [Hearing Dog](#) Harrison with Bob in Palm Beach, Florida this summer. They are a perfect match!

Bob's wife Anita says that she now has peace of mind knowing that Harrison will act as Bob's "ears".

Harrison is a Pomeranian and came to us from Southern Oregon Humane Society, shown at left and above in the header.

Britt is Changing Lives

Earlier this year, [Program Assistance Dog](#) Britt was placed with Gloria, a Special Education Teacher at Rigler Elementary School in Portland, Oregon.

Britt works in an environment where many of the students have behavioral, cognitive, and/or emotional disabilities. For many of Gloria's students, the only stable thing in their lives is school. There they learn basic, but important life skills that they do not learn at home.

A young boy at the school, Victor, is troubled and struggles daily to get his work done. The teachers had tried unsuccessfully to get Victor to complete a particular test for three weeks. The first day he met Britt, he completed the rest of his test because he would be able to spend time with her after his test was completed. Every day after that, Victor completed ALL of his work because spending time with Britt was his reward.

It's extraordinary to see Britt gravitate towards the students who need her most, and it's amazing to see the impact that our Program Assistance Dogs have on not only the students, but on the teachers and parents as well.



This Fall, Gloria and Britt have moved to Bridger Elementary where they will continue to impact many lives.



Our Excitement is Building!



Everyone at Dogs for the Deaf is excited to watch our [Second Training Facility](#) take shape!

The new 18,852 sq. ft., 40-kennel training facility will nearly triple our existing 22-kennel capacity and will include a canine exam room, whelping room, climate-controlled kennels with heated floors, three open areas for extensive training, insulated sound panels, and five training apartments to simulate home living environments that includes one that is two-stories. Another key feature of the new facility is an elevator - an important aspect for exposing our dogs to public venues.

By the end of December all walls, windows, and roofing will be completed, as well as plumbing for in-floor heating. We anticipate moving into the facility sometime in spring 2018.



Our Puppies Are Growing!

Our 8-week old pups have grown so fast and will soon leave the nest to join their foster families - the next step in their Assistance Dog training program that will begin on their first birthdays.

Just one little puppy remains for placement with a foster family. If you live in southern Oregon and would like to help raise Ace during this phase of his Assistance Dog training, please call Hannah at (541)826-9220. [Foster a puppy](#)...the rewards are great!





Dogs for the Deaf's mission is to professionally train dogs to help people and enhance lives while maintaining a lifelong commitment to all dogs we rescue or breed and the people we serve.

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