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ON THE COVER

Dogs for the Deaf is celebrating its 40th Anniversary rescuing, professionally training and placing Assistance Dogs throughout the United States. This fall we will build a second training facility to allow us to train and house even more Assistance Dogs to place with more people in need. The cover photo features Jennifer and her Hearing Dog, Wellie. The inside cover photo was taken in the early days of Dogs for the Deaf and features Hearing Dog, Samantha.

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LETTER FROM BLAKE MATRAY



As Dogs for the Deaf welcomes 2017, we celebrate our 40th year of providing Assistance Dogs to help people and enhance lives. This year looks to be one of our most exciting years ever.

We're pleased to share with you in this issue that we've broken ground for our new training facility here in Central Point, Oregon. Construction on our Second Training Facility will be in progress throughout this year. We anticipate the facility will be completed in late fall and we're excited to make use of it! The new facility will eventually allow us to increase the number of dogs in training in all three of our current programs, including Autism Assistance Dogs.

During the winter, we've been preparing for our busy summer outreach season and we look forward to seeing you during one of our many stops. Our travel plans include Good Sam Rallies across the country, Lions Club meetings, the BPO Does Convention, the Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA) National Convention, and many others.

We're also making a concerted effort to expand our Dogs for the Deaf volunteer Ambassador Program. If you are interested in giving presentations or conducting interviews with potential clients on behalf of Dogs for the Deaf, please contact us at 1-800-990-3647. As we look to place even more Assistance Dogs, we'll need help from our supporters and we'd love for you to join our team.

We're proud to have helped both dogs and people live better lives over the last 40 years and we look forward to the next 40 years and beyond. Thank you to all of our donors, Guardian Society members, clients, Ambassadors and volunteers who've helped us make this great work possible over the years.

Best Regards,

Blake E. Matray
President & CEO

WE GET LETTERS



I am a former recipient (27 years ago) of a hearing dog, Max. I try to give back when I can. I bought a case of water and two bags of ice for a local event held at the town park. The WestMuttster Dog Show is held each year to help the local Humane Society. Dogs are judged for things like “wiggliest butt, best owner/dog look-alike, best hair, best costume, best trick,” etc. There are Greyhounds for adoption too. It was just an all-around wonderful, fun event.

I was allowed to set up a table for free for my charity of choice. People were generous - I have enclosed a \$40 check for you.

Thank you,

Janis, FL

I am a Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten teacher and a Sunday School teacher. My classes have been collecting aluminum cans for you for the past 5 months. This is in memory of my dad, Louis S., all of his 4-footed friends, and my grandma, Lois B. Hope this check will help you guys out some, we are going to continue this year as well. Merry Christmas to everyone - have a happy and healthy New Year.

Sincerely,

Miss Laurie and her classes

Greetings! I just received the “Canine Listener” and enjoyed reading it cover-to-cover. I was particularly interested in your Autism Assistance Dog articles. I don’t know anyone with that condition, but I’ve heard how prevalent it has become and I’m sure it is a very difficult thing for any family to deal with.

I am sending a check to help where most needed and if you could direct to this much-needed new program that would be awesome.

Thank you so much for all you do!

Wendy, OR

Please use the enclosed check for both the deaf and the autistic – half for each. Amazingly enough, I have one child who is deaf and another child who is autistic. Both programs are worthwhile and will be much appreciated by all who can take advantage of them. I wish I lived close enough to receive a companion dog – my dog died last year and I was looking for a new one – found a rescue for me.

Thanks for your hard work,

Carolyn

Enclosed is our annual donation check to help with your great work in helping those who are deaf. At each monthly meeting, our little “Doggie” bank is passed around and members deposit spare change. The total amount, plus a little from our Chapter funds, is sent at the end of the year to you with love, and to thank you for all you do for so many people in our country.

Sincerely,

Carla, OR, Recorder/Treasurer, Chapter #10748 - Royal Neighbors of America

I found your charity through the Charity Navigator website. I read up on you and I'm very touched by your mission. My son has been studying Autism Spectrum Condition (ASC), and I also have a friend from high school who is deaf. Your program sounds wonderful and I want to send a donation to support your efforts. Good luck and God bless!.

Allyse, MD

One of the magical things about having a hearing dog like Glitter is the freedom to travel that she allows me. Here are some photos of us on our trip to Colorado this summer--4 Corners, Black Canyon of the Gunnison, Maroon Bells near Aspen, waiting for the shuttle at Rocky Mountain NP, and hiking everywhere. She is just an amazing partner and companion. The wheels on the RV don't leave the driveway without her!

Thank you DFD for this amazing service dog!!

Noni, CA



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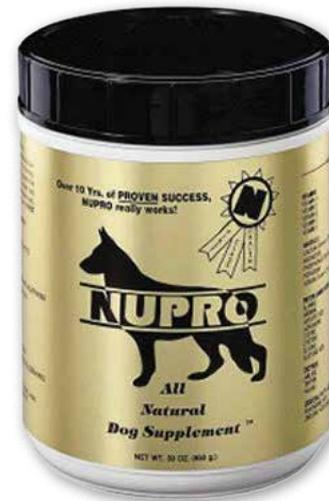
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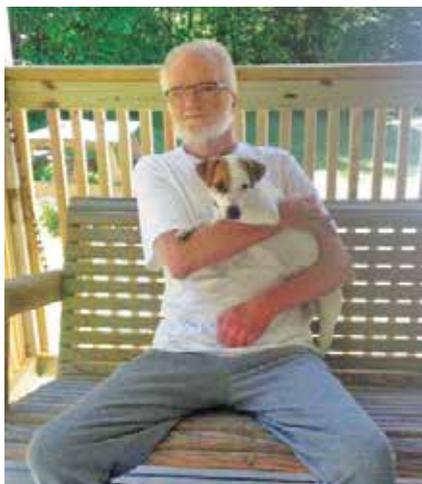
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PLACEMENT HIGHLIGHTS



ROCKET

Rocket, a Chihuahua mix, was rescued from Valley Animal Center in Fresno, California and was placed as a Hearing Dog with Geraldine in Florida last October. One night, Geraldine could not hear her husband's call for help after he fell – but Rocket did! Rocket quickly jumped into action and alerted Geraldine of the emergency. Thanks to Rocket's ability to alert Geraldine to her name being called, she is able to relax knowing she will be there for her husband.



BUD

Bud, a Parson Russell Terrier mix rescued from Kern County Animal Shelter in Bakersfield, California, was placed as a Hearing Dog with Roger in Tennessee. Roger is a Successor Hearing Dog recipient and has been a client of Dogs for the Deaf since 1982. Bud is following in the paw prints left by Roger's previous Hearing Dogs, providing sound awareness and companionship that will last throughout Bud's lifetime.



ROMEO

Romeo is a Chihuahua mix rescued from the Humane Society for Southwest Washington in Vancouver, Washington and was placed as a Hearing Dog with Doris of North Carolina. Doris has been a 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 were meant to be together!



ROUX

Roux is a Rat Terrier mix rescued from Southern Oregon Humane Society in Medford, Oregon and was placed as a Hearing Dog with Candice in Oregon. When Roux and Candice first met, Roux was all kisses. Candice and Roux have bonded as a team and they continue to enjoy the benefits of each other.

Autism Assistance Dog applications are now being accepted at Dogs for the Deaf

- Age requirement at time of placement: 5 to 12 years old.
- No other dogs in the home. Child must not have a fear of dogs.
- Home must have a fenced yard. A common use area does not qualify.
- You must have the ability to work patiently and positively with your Autism Assistance Dog.
- **Must live in Southern Oregon.**

If you meet these minimum requirements and would like more information please contact us at 541-826-9220

These dogs have the ability to change lives!



F O L L O W U P S



RYLEE

In a recent follow-up training visit with Hearing Dog Rylee, Mary Anne of New York was overjoyed with Rylee, remarking that “Rylee is an amazing dog - he is funny, cute and is the best thing that ever happened to me! I now feel so safe, especially at night.”

BARNEY

Hearing Dog Barney and Dawna of Washington have been a team for more than a few years. Dawna was so thrilled when they first met! She shed happy tears of joy when Barney ran up to her for some love and belly rubs - she knew then that they would have a very special bond. She was right, their connection has continued to grow ever since!



NANUQ

Hearing Dog Nanuq has been assisting Bonnie of Oregon for five years. “Such a love” is how Bonnie describes Nanuq. “He’s a big help at home and while out in public.” Since people are so drawn to Nanuq when they see him, Bonnie enjoys having the opportunity to educate people about Dogs for the Deaf and how Hearing Dogs can help.

DANI

Hearing Dog Dani has been assisting Erma of Nevada for 12 years. Both Erma and her daughter agree that Dani is what makes it possible for Erma to live on her own. Whenever Erma talks about Dani, she just beams describing Dani as incredibly smart, helpful, and that she makes friends all around town!





TOSH

Hearing Dog Tosh and Susan have been a team since 2007. Susan says that Tosh still enthusiastically works his sounds and does his obedience very well. She describes Tosh as being “everyone’s friend.”



MORRIS

Hearing Dog Morris has been assisting Stephanie in South Carolina for one year. “Morris is sweet and lovable and is very affectionate. He’s also very helpful with alerting to the smoke alarm and door knock.” Morris was sponsored by the Reseda Women’s Club.



GINGER

Hearing Dog Ginger and Danielle of North Carolina have been a team since 2009. Ginger helps Danielle, a pediatrician, feel more confident and she also helps to calm patients at work. “Ginger is wonderful... there is not a mean bone in her body!” Ginger was sponsored by Sam’s Radio Hams.

ORBIT

Orbit is Jayne’s third Hearing Dog that she received from Dogs for the Deaf. The two of them are a perfect pair - they communicate in a way that exceeds the training and they share a connection and bond that is very special!

FRANKIE

Hearing Dog Frankie and Brian of North Carolina have been a team for close to two years. Having Frankie allows Brian to feel a greater sense of independence, especially with the alarm clock and knowing that he will reliably wake up for work. Brian says everyone who meets Frankie loves him and he frequently gets comments about how people “want one just like him!”

LADY

Hearing Dog Lady has been assisting Karen of Virginia for eight years. They have a very special connection, “Lady is precious to me ...she does so much to help!”





WILLOW

Hearing Dog Willow and Laurie of Virginia have been together for three years. "Willow is a remarkable dog. She helps me so much every day!"



HARPER

Hearing Dog Harper has been assisting Kathleen of California for almost 2 years. Harper helps with many sounds, including the oven timer which is a big help when Kathleen is baking. "Harper is always with me." They enjoy their time together, whether they are practicing sound work or just sitting and "people watching." Harper was sponsored by the Reddy Eddy RV Club.



SLIM

Hearing Dog Slim and Jane of New York are doing great! Slim is Jane's third hearing dog from Dogs for the Deaf and he is adored by all. "He is incredibly smart – I trust him to let me know what's going on around me." Slim knew exactly what Jane needed while she was recovering from surgery: he stayed right by her side to comfort and alert her as needed. The joy and love between them is heartwarming!

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"The tremendous benefit and peace of mind that Dogs for the Deaf provides families and the children with Autism is one of the greatest gifts you can bring to our modern day society. Thank you for all that you do!"
— NELSON, SHELBY (dog), and CALEB; Oregon

WEB 2.0

Have you checked out our new website? We've added several new features to provide more interesting and up-to-date information about Dogs for the Deaf including: an interactive Impact Map, an enhanced Volunteer section, and a new monthly Blog. Please let us know what you think and send us any suggestions or ideas to help us continually improve the website! www.dogsforthe deaf.org

SECOND AUTISM ASSISTANCE DOG PLACEMENT



Photo (From left): Autism Assistance Dog Yoko, Maria, Grayson, Trainer Jenny Nickelson

Our second Autism Assistance Dog, Yoko, was placed with Grayson, a 10-year-old child on the Autism Spectrum in southern Oregon. Yoko is a two-year-old Yellow Labrador Retriever obtained from Dogs with Wings Assistance Dog Society, and was professionally trained by Jenny Nickelson to assist Grayson with his special needs.

We are so proud of Yoko and the impact that she is already making with Grayson! Previously Grayson had great difficulty connecting with the world around him, but with Yoko's stability and companionship, Grayson is now learning to freely engage with his environment.

CLICKER EXPO

In January, 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.



Front: Certified Assistance Dog Trainer - Laura Burke, Obedience Trainer - Paula Lysinger, Certified Assistance Dog Trainer - Jessica Reichmuth. Back: Training Director - John Drach, Apprentice Assistance Dog Trainer - Katie Ware.

SECOND TRAINING FACILITY PROJECT

Dogs for the Deaf is experiencing significant growth in all of its Assistance Dog programs. As a result, we are excited to announce the construction of our second training facility targeted for completion later this year.

Our current training facility consists of 22 kennels and 4 separate training areas located directly above the kennels – all designed to simulate home living environments.

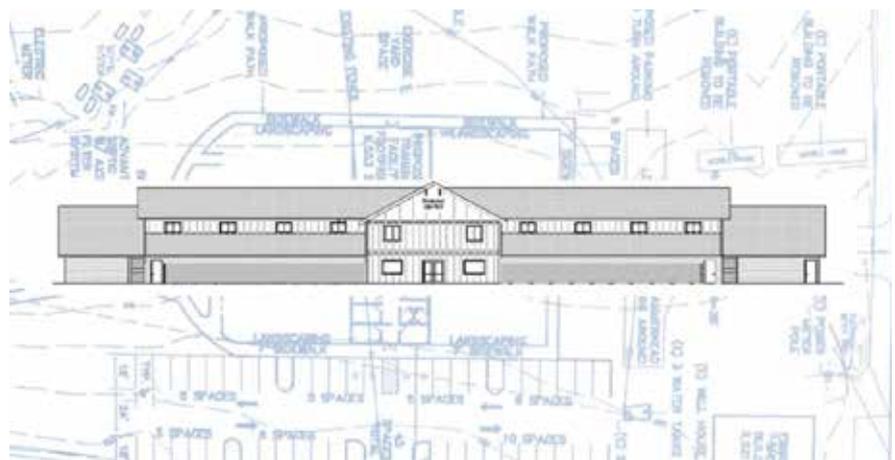
The new training facility is designed to include 42 kennels – nearly doubling our current kennel space. In addition, the new training facility will have 5 training areas that imitate home environments. Other enhancements include 3 large interior open-space training areas and an elevator.

The new training facility will have the same features as our current training facility:

- Climate-controlled kennels:
 - air-conditioned in the summer; heated in the winter
 - Heated kennel floors
 - Insulated sound panels, dog beds, toys, and blankets

A Medford, Oregon-based construction company is contracted for this important design-build project, working directly with our Operations Team. As the project continues to develop, we will post project updates on our website, social media, upcoming Impact Reports and in the Investor Report.

Photo (From left): Kenneth Reeder (board member), Annette Vitello (Operations Director), John Drach (Training Director), and Blake Matray (President & CEO)



DFD NEWS

DFD'S KIMBERLY MILLER AND DEMO DOG BONSAI RETIRE

Dogs for the Deaf employee, Kimberly Miller, and Demo Dog Bonsai have worked together for almost 10 years, and it's time for them to hang up their hats, so-to-speak. Kimberly worked with our service club benefactors and in particular the Good Sam Club, Lions Club, and the National Grange. She promoted and supported numerous fundraisers, contributed articles to our Canine Listener magazine, social media, and website. In addition, she managed our Project Sponsorship program, Donor Recognition Wall, Incentive Award program, and conducted presentations and demo dog demonstrations at conventions and expositions across the US.

Prior to Kimberly's tenure at Dogs for the Deaf, she worked as a department manager for 16 years in Finance, Oncology and Therapeutic divisions of a pharmaceutical company. Kimberly is best known for her compassionate heart. One of her favorite mottos is, "*Use your voice for kindness, your ears for compassion, your hands for charity, your mind for truth, and your Heart for Love*". In addition to helping her loving husband of 37 years, she successfully raised her two sons (one is autistic). Kimberly consistently helps others in need.

Demo Dog Bonsai is a star in his own right! Bonsai co-hosted a couple of fundraisers with legendary

comedian, actress, author, and animal rights activist, Betty White, and was featured in a Public Service Announcement with the legendary Academy Award winner deaf actress, Marlee Matlin. In addition, Bonsai was featured on numerous Medford, Oregon Channel 12 KDRV, Channel 10 KTVL News segments, and has even has been featured in a few YouTube videos. Bonsai is best known for his love to perform, his easy-going personality, and for what is fondly known as his "circle-dance."

Bonsai has found his forever home and will get to retire and live in loving comfort with Kimberly and her husband. Kimberly will raise an organic garden, possibly a few farm animals, undertake some mountain-bike rides, and continue her passion for helping people with various needs. Dogs for the Deaf will miss her and certainly wishes her and Bonsai the best!



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CAREER CHANGE DOGS

THE GIFT OF LOVE NAMED GEORGIA - BY ADOPTION
PROGRAM MANAGER, SENA SHORT



Steve and Joan came to Dogs for the Deaf looking for a new furry family member. They wanted a medium size dog that could keep up with their active lifestyle but could also settle nicely in the house.

While meeting the dogs available for adoption, they were asked if they would consider a smaller dog. After telling them about Georgia, a little Wire-haired Terrier mix, they agreed to meet her.

Georgia had the spunk they were looking for while being sweet, affectionate and able to calmly settle. In just a few minutes Georgia

had worked her way into their hearts. It was love at first sight! Three days later, the Adoption Manager delivered Georgia to her new home.

Dogs for the Deaf is committed to all of our clients and the dogs we place with them. Because we want to be sure that each placement is successful, we carefully match the applicant with the dog and provide on-going obedience and behavior support at no charge.

We recently received the following email from Steve and Joan:

Dear DFD,

Georgia is doing GREAT!!! WE LOVE HER!!! In the 4+ months she has been with us, she has really let her SMART, LIVELY, personality fly! She gets very excited to meet new friends and she LOVES her daily outings. We typically have 1-2 walks /hikes on the agenda— she loves the woods!

We have loved seeing her confidence about her “Forever Home” unfold!

We can't thank you enough for introducing us to the big dog in a little package we call Georgia. She has filled the empty space we didn't realize our family had. She makes us exercise daily whether we feel like it or not. More importantly, she makes us laugh with her funny mannerisms and warmth from her deep devotion to us. Thank you for the gift of love named Georgia.

Steve and Joan



Interested in a Career Change Dog? If you are local and are interested in adopting one of our Career Change Dogs, contact Adoption Program Manager, Sena Short at 800-990-3647 ext. 319. www.dogsforthe deaf.org/career-change-dogs/

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

PAULA, DOGWALKER VOLUNTEER

On July 1, 2016, I retired from a City Planning job after working there for 23 years. On that very same day, I moved to Central Point, Oregon to live with my husband of four years.

During my volunteer orientation with Volunteer Coordinator, Linda Kendrick, she taught me to remember that when I walk the dogs, it is their walk and that they should be allowed to walk and sniff wherever they prefer.

My previous job was a high-pressure position, so walking the dogs at their pace has taught me patience and how to slow down and enjoy life. The highlights of each week are my visits to the Dogs for the Deaf facility to walk the dogs! *They each have such wonderful personalities: they are loving and always excited to see me.*

I have always loved animals and am so appreciative to Dogs for the Deaf for the opportunity to be a part of such a wonderful organization and to be able to love such wonderful dogs. In addition, everyone at Dogs for the Deaf is welcoming and helpful anytime that I've had questions.

Linda added, "Although Paula hasn't been with us long, she is fully committed to walking our dogs twice a week – come rain, heat or snow! This past winter, southern Oregon was blanketed with unusual amounts of snow and ice and Dogs for the Deaf closed its doors for a few days. As one of the dedicated folks, Paula bundled herself up and inched her way to the facility to make sure the dogs were walked and cared for."



We love our volunteers who walk the dogs every day at our facility, and we are certain that the dogs love them even more! If you are local and are interested in becoming a volunteer at our beautiful Lower Table Rock facility to exercise our dogs in training, contact Volunteer Coordinator Linda Kendrick at 800-990-3647 ext. 324. www.dogsforthedeaf.org/volunteer/

TRAINER SPOTLIGHT



TRAINER SPOTLIGHT - KATIE WARE, APPRENTICE TRAINER

In 2004, I moved to Sheridan, Oregon with my family. Prior to living in Sheridan, we lived in many areas of the country – and we even spent some time overseas in Australia and Taiwan.



My family has always had animals throughout the years including dogs, horses, sheep, birds, cats, cattle, bunnies and even a few hamsters. My parents have always instilled a love and respect for all animals, which is what prompted me to join a local 4-H

Club when I was thirteen. For my birthday, I was given an Australian Shepard puppy, Bailey, and trained him in obedience. We competed in showmanship and obedience at the county and state levels, and I also showed my mom's Labradoodle, Liza, and later won State Champion obedience with my personal dog, Harley.

When it came time to do my high school Senior Project, it was only natural that I would choose to become a foster puppy raiser for Autism Service Dogs of America. During the year that Golden Retriever, Sophie, and I were together, I learned so much from her. *It was then that I knew that I wanted to become a service dog trainer – it is the perfect mix of doing what I love while being able to help people improve their lives.*

A few years after high school, I attended a service dog training

college in California. After my graduation from the program, I applied for an Apprentice Dog Trainer position at Dogs for the Deaf. I am so happy that John Drach, my Training Director, saw something in me and hired me! I have learned so much in the two years that I've been here and will complete my third and final year as an apprentice this year in November. I am currently fostering Buzz, one of Dogs for the Deaf's demonstration dogs. Buzz was the first dog that I had the responsibility to train – he is such an amazing dog and I am so happy that I get to share part of my life with him.

When I'm not training dogs, I enjoy hiking, rafting, archery, shopping and playing my violin and viola. My life is full, and I can't wait to see what the future holds for me!



CELEBRATING OUR 40TH ANNIVERSARY: T H E N A N D N O W

By Monica Schuster, Media & Outreach



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. At that time, it was the world's largest service dog training center. In 1989, the training 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 through the guidance of Dogs for the Deaf's past and current leaders. Roy retired from Dogs for the Deaf in 1981 due to his failing health and asked his daughter, Robin Dickson, to take the helm to ensure that his vision would live on. In a 2013 *Medford Mail Tribune* article, Robin reported that she was able to take the small "mom and pop" organization and develop it into an internationally recognized Assistance Dog training facility with a solid financial foundation. Robin commented that the best things about her years leading Dogs for the Deaf were the generous donors and witnessing the connection between the rescued dogs and their new owners: "Getting to know the wonderful people we have placed dogs with and watch their lives miraculously improve ... watching countless numbers of unwanted dogs become highly trained professionals who go on to enhance and save lives." According to Marvin Rhodes, a past board chairman for Dogs for the Deaf, Robin "devoted her life to rescuing dogs and



improving the lives of people with disabilities. In the process, she has built a unique bond with donors that goes beyond amazing.” Robin retired in 2013, and a national search for a new leader was performed.

In 2014, Blake Matray joined Dogs for the Deaf as the new CEO. Blake is committed to continuing the growth and enhancement of the services that the organization provides to people with special needs throughout the United States.

In two and a half years, Blake oversaw the revitalization of Dogs for the Deaf’s Autism Assistance Program. Those efforts resulted in placing the organizations’ first two Autism Assistance Dogs in 2016, with more planned for 2017.

In 2016, Dogs for the Deaf placed a Program Assistance Dog in a legal setting for the first time with the Medford Child Advocacy Center, resulting in a partnership with Courthouse Dogs Foundation.



children with special needs. He secured funding for Autism Assistance Dogs for families and financed camp participation for children with special needs.



Blake also guided Dogs for the Deaf through the approval process for its second Training facility expected to be completed in 2017.

Blake retired as a Lieutenant Colonel with the United States Air Force in 2013 after a 23-year career overseeing flight operations, training, strategic planning and risk management. With a combined total of 18 years rescuing, breeding and training dogs under his belt, he is a lifelong animal lover who considered becoming a veterinarian prior to joining the Air Force. He is a 1990 graduate of the United States Air Force Academy and has a Master’s Degree in Management from Ellis University in Chicago.

In 2007, Blake founded and worked as the Executive Director of the Sled Dog Fund, a 501(c)(3) that used sled dogs to promote awareness and support of



CLIENT'S CORNER

WE ARE NOT ALONE (ALTHOUGH IT MAY FEEL LIKE IT!)
BY CHARLENE, HEARING DOG CLIENT AND DFD
AMBASSADOR

With about 325 million people in the USA, most of us don't realize that there are about 50 million with hearing loss which is somewhere between 14 - 17% of the population.* Well, where are they? I'm not aware of them, are you?

Sometimes called late deafened adults, those of us with the loss of hearing, are hard to identify -- not a community at all -- just part of our vast population with an invisible disability. We can't recognize one another, let alone join forces. Understandably, we can feel alone.

Consider how our common health practices overlook us. Although we may get an annual physical checkup, vision test, and dental review, where is our hearing health care? Unheard of; right?! But, isn't hearing important? (I bet we all can testify to that!) And, where is information about the loss of hearing, let alone what to do about it? All we see are ads and commercials for hearing aids.

The good news is we do have resources to cope with our loss of hearing. First, treatment with appropriate, well-fitted hearing devices; second, support groups such as HLAA* chapters; and third, the boundless support and help of Hearing Dogs so many of us have received from Dogs for the Deaf.

And there's more! The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990 information supports us as people with a disability - with or without service dogs. How important that is when the vast majority of Americans don't even understand hearing loss, let alone understand what Hearing Dogs do! Even though we seem invisible, the Federal law is there for us.

As a civil rights law, the ADA prohibits discrimination against individuals with disabilities in all areas of public life, including jobs, schools, transportation, and all public and private places that are open to the general public. The purpose of the law is to make sure that people with disabilities have the same rights and opportunities as everyone else.

The ADA also is clear about service dogs. **A service animal means any dog that is individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability, including a physical, sensory, psychiatric, intellectual, or other mental disability.** Tasks performed can include, among other things, pulling a wheelchair, alerting a person to a sound, reminding a person to take medication.

The work or tasks performed by a service animal must be directly related to the individual's disability. For example, a hearing dog is one that has



been trained to alert a person with hearing loss when a sound occurs, such as a smoke alarm, a knock on the door or a telephone ring.

Further, the ADA says that individuals with disabilities are allowed to be accompanied by their service animals in all public facilities and private businesses where members of the public are allowed to go. An individual with a service animal may not be segregated from other customers. However, if a service animal's presence compromises safety or is disruptive to the purpose of the business, it can be excluded from a specific facility such as a surgery or intensive care unit in a hospital in which a sterile field is required.

In addition, allergies and fear of dogs are not valid reasons for denying access or refusing service to people using service animals. If it is possible, the person with the allergy or other animal aversion is separated from the person with a service animal.

As a deaf community, we have civil rights that protect our hearing needs, but quite often our hearing disabilities are not fully understood. Yes, that can be compounded by having a service dog because public businesses may not be informed.

But, it does NOT mean that because we have a service dog we must compromise the quality of our lives by withdrawing from activities, such as eating in restaurants, using public travel, staying in public accommodations, visiting hospitals, attending live theater, movies, and sports events, exercising at the gym, attending college, etc. Whenever public venues require education about our civil rights, we need to speak up!

Our civil rights mean that we are entitled – with our hearing loss disability and our Hearing Dog – to have equal access to all that the public enjoys. Most often, discrimination occurs due

to ignorance while education and information will usually correct the problem. If invited to do so, people commonly will hear, understand, and cooperate.

However, if necessary, we can go to the local police who will stand by us. Do not be surprised that they might first refer to their legal resources since enforcing the ADA for people with disabilities and service dogs does not happen often. However, they can do it and do it well if they are asked! If the problem is not resolved, the last step is to take legal action; file a discrimination complaint locally or with the Federal Department of Justice.

I believe that self-advocacy is the key to going beyond the barriers we meet due to our hearing loss and our use of a Hearing Dog. We can help ourselves and others if we understand our civil rights, ask for what we need, and educate others. We need to be heard; such efforts are worth it! We have the power to reclaim our independence and quality of life, once so limited without hearing loss treatment and a service animal. Be mindful that there is a lot going for us, even though sometimes it seems we are all alone! Just remember, that isn't so!



“A BURGER WITH A SIDE OF PRIDE” - BY JENNIFER, HEARING DOG CLIENT

It's a new year, which means it's time for a new you. I'm a creature of habit and because of my deafness, I tend to stick with what's familiar to me. After all, I feel safe and secure inside the little “bubble” I have created for myself. That means more often than not I find myself avoiding new situations and experiences because of my hearing loss. But this year I decided that my New Year's Resolution would be for me to step out of my comfort zone. I've been partnered for a year with my Dogs for the Deaf's Hearing Dog, Wellie. With her at my side, I feel confident enough to take the New Year's Resolution plunge.

After eating those endless holiday feasts, recently I found myself craving a good ol' cheeseburger. Because I'm familiar with the restaurant and its staff, Wellie and I would normally go to our local steakhouse for lunch. But this time, despite the fact I haven't set foot inside a fast food establishment for 15 years or more, I decided that we would go to McDonald's to eat.

Wellie and I walked into McDonald's and I ordered my meal to go (baby steps), only to discover that once you place your order, you then move onto the pick-up line where your order number is VERBALLY called out when it's ready. The last time I ate at McDonald's you ordered your meal and it was handed to you right there at the cash register. There were no additional lines and no verbal order numbers were called out (which I cannot hear), so I was immediately overcome with a sense of dread. As I stood in line, I clutched my receipt and memorized my order number. I kept a keen eye on the mouths of everyone who was calling out order numbers, hoping I would know by lip-reading when my order was ready.

Much to my surprise, rather than calling out my order number, the employee looked at me with a smile and then pointed to a bag of food.

In shock, I pointed at myself as if to say (non-verbally) “That’s my order?” The woman shook her head ‘yes’. In that very moment, it dawned on me that all of my panic and dread was a waste of energy. I did not need to tell anyone that I was deaf, it was already known thanks to the canine companion by my side. Wellie, in her bright orange vest and leash that states “Hearing Dog” clearly let everyone know that I was deaf and nothing more needed to be said. She was the silent communicator to others that I would not hear my order number being called. So with a huge smile on my face, I walked up to the counter and picked up

my order to go. I had a bag of food in one hand, Wellie’s leash in the other and with my head held high and a pep in my step I walked out of McDonald’s feeling an incredible sense of accomplishment. Who knew that my lunch that day would be a cheeseburger with a side of pride?

While it isn’t easy to do, I encourage all Assistance Dog teams to step out of their comfort zone. Eat someplace you have always wanted to try. Visit a store or town you have never been before; after all, your partner will be there for you and with you every step of the way, most likely in ways you never could imagine.



Client’s Corner is a new section that we’re introducing in response to requests for tips and articles by fellow Dogs for the Deaf Clients and Ambassadors. We think this is a terrific idea and hope that you do too! If you are a Dogs for the Deaf Client and/or Ambassador and are interested in writing an article for a future Canine Listener issue, contact Media & Outreach, Monica Schuster, at 800-990-3647 ext. 343.

EVENTS

Here are just a few of the events that we’ll be participating in this spring and summer:

- April 20-22 Southern CA Good Sam Rally, Hemet, CA
- April 26-30 Good Sam Florida Spring Rally, Okeechobee, FL
- May 19-20 Lions Club Multi-District Conv., Pendleton, OR
- May 20-21 Antique Show, Medford, OR
- May 26-29 Good Sam Mass Family Rally, Greenfield, MA
- June 1-4 Good Sam Kentucky Spring Rally, Meade County, KY
- June 1-4 Good Sam Washington State Rally, Moses Lake, WA
- June 4-7 BPO Does National Convention, Rochester, MN
- June 22-25 HLAA Convention, Salt Lake City, UT
- June 28-July 2 Deaf Women United Conference, Miami, FL

Please consider placing Dogs for the Deaf in your Estate Plans



For more information please contact Major Gifts Manager, Wanda Cockey at (800) 990-3647 or wanda@dogsforthe deaf.org

AMBASSADOR HIGHLIGHT

CHARLENE, DFD AMBASSADOR & CLIENT

Upon retirement in 2000, I began in earnest to volunteer in support of Dogs for the Deaf, doing so spontaneously, mostly by invitation, but without being asked by DFD. Such activity included presentations to community groups in the Pacific Northwest such as church, retiree, and youth groups, nursing homes, public schools (elementary through high school), the local university and a college, and service organizations, including the Lions and Good Sam RV Clubs. Haley was my service dog companion at this time and her quiet, attentive, disciplined presence made her an excellent DFD role model.

My early travels were within a range of 150 miles. I paid my own expenses out of pocket until I learned to ask for an honorarium to benefit Dogs for the Deaf. Somewhere along the line there, I believe the title of DFD Ambassador came into being and I began to



travel much longer distances, now representing DFD officially. Twice I was honored to attend an annual Good Sam Rendezvous of over 300 people in Wasilla, Alaska. There we participated in a variety of activities (as dignitaries of sorts), with scheduled information booths, presentations, demonstrations, and individual appointments. We really worked hard and felt amply rewarded by the response of our generous hosts. Another time we traveled to Nebraska for the annual Good Sam Rendezvous and participated in the same manner... fully! Dogs for the Deaf arranged and paid for my plane fare and

reimbursed me for all my other travels expenses.

In 2013 Dogs for the Deaf asked if I was willing to be sponsored with Hearing Dog Lola in the American Humane Association Hero Dog competition. ***That experience was demanding, exhausting, exhilarating, and a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for the two of us.*** Words cannot express what a huge honor it was to represent DFD, attend the Gala in Beverly Hills, CA as well as for Lola to win the Hearing Dog category and win \$1,000 for Dogs for the Deaf! After that, our popularity to visit groups and tell our story increased greatly!

Are you interested in joining Charlene as a Nationwide Ambassador? For information, contact Donor Support, Michelle Erwin, at 800-990-3647 ext. 347. www.dogsforthe deaf.org/nationwide-ambassadors/

FOSTER PUPPY PROGRAM



BY HANNAH CRANE, FOSTER PUPPY COORDINATOR

Belle, a beautiful Black Labrador puppy, was provided to us by Guide Dogs for the Blind and is the newest addition to our Foster Puppy program. After a long drive from San Rafael, California, Belle arrived at Dogs for the Deaf on November 30, 2016, and was placed in her new foster home with Vanessa.

Vanessa and Belle have begun their new journey together and are attending puppy training classes. At Belle's first class, she was fascinated by the Christmas trees and holiday lights, but the class was a success! We have high hopes for this team and are thrilled that Vanessa has joined our team of puppy raisers.



“ALONG CAME JOE, A FOSTER PUPPY STORY”

MICHELLE, DONOR SUPPORT COORDINATOR

This adventure begins with a foster puppy named Zephyr. He arrived by plane on March 15, 2016, along with his brother Leo. At eight weeks old, Zephyr had determined eyebrows and a peaceful face. I had the unique opportunity to both work and foster a puppy for Dogs for the Deaf. Fostering Zephyr became a huge part of my daily life and it really opened my eyes to what being a foster puppy raiser was all about. In an effort to promote this amazing program, I began to document our journey together. If you have visited our Facebook page in the past, you are sure to have seen many posts about Zephyr. Zephyr hit his milestones with all the curiosity of your typical Golden Retriever. I remember his encounters with our neighborhood rabbit and tortoise where he would slowly approach with a wagging tail and a smile on his face, or so it seemed. He also enjoyed his visit with local cows and his time spent with our own dog Tyson.

Unfortunately, in August 2016, I had an accident which resulted in a broken arm. Unable to continue with Zephyr's training, I handed him over to Hannah Crane, our Foster Puppy Program Coordinator, to find a new foster home for him. I was left with an emptiness in both my home and my heart, but then along came Joe...



JOE, FOSTER PUPPY RAISER

Zephyr was just over eight months old when my wife Brenda and I received him: a big boy, strong – but not too coordinated – and he wanted lots of attention. Fortunately, our dog, Nulla took a lot of the pressure off of us as she would play hard with him, running and wrestling, developing coordination, stamina, and burning off excess energy. At first, Zephyr was quite a handful, partly because he wasn't ready to take "orders" from new people, and partly because of his age (equivalent to a teenager). But over time as we developed a better understanding of each other, he became less rambunctious and he was easier to settle down and become more focused and stable in his training.

Although at first I occasionally found myself wondering what I had gotten myself into, ultimately I have to say the experience was very rewarding. I learned a lot. I learned the finer points of training a dog from the outings we went on, such as the airport, the library, and Lowe's. I learned how and when to use treats to reinforce desired behaviors, and how to keep the dog focused on me. I learned patience. Zephyr continued to grow, both mentally and physically through the months. We naturally developed a strong and rewarding bond. And because of his friendly and loving personality, his penchant for treats, and his intelligence in deduction, he made it appear as if I somehow knew what I was doing as his handler.

Yesterday, Zephyr graduated from being a foster puppy and we returned him to Dogs for the Deaf to begin his "real training." Our house will be a lot quieter now, which our cats will be most grateful for. He will be missed, though we are happy knowing that Zephyr will become a great assistance dog, and we look forward to seeing what our "boy" develops into.

THE TEAM

The Dogs for the Deaf foster team went into action to find another secure home for Zephyr as quickly as possible. We had Joe's foster application on file and even though he had indicated he was interested in short term fostering, our Foster Adoption Coordinator, Hannah Crane, gave him a call. Fortunately, he agreed to foster Zephyr! Since Joe had very little experience with training dogs (or big, energetic puppies!), he needed a crash course in how to deal with all the new things required of him.

Paula Lysinger, Obedience Trainer, and her team worked with Joe and Zephyr twice a week for a little over a month until they were ready to rejoin the puppy class. It took a few classes, but with patience and perseverance, Joe and Zephyr caught up to their classmates and graduated on time. With Zephyr's first leg of his journey complete, he returned to our training facility where Assistant Training Director, Andrea Woodcock, is training Zephyr to become the Assistance Dog he is meant to be.



Dogs for the Deaf fosters more than just our future Assistance Dog puppies. We foster relationships. As the dogs graduate from their training, they quickly earn the trust of the client they're placed with. That trust fosters a life-long relationship between Assistance Dogs, Clients, and Dogs for the Deaf. If you live in Southern Oregon and are interested in fostering one of our puppies, contact Foster Puppy Coordinator, Hannah Crane at 800-990-3647 ext. 330. www.dogsforthe deaf.org/foster-a-dog-2/

CLUB NEWS



DFD AMBASSADOR PARTICIPATES IN FLORIDA GOOD SAMs 2016 FALL RALLY

Dogs for the Deaf's Ambassador, Chris had an opportunity to speak about the difference Hearing Dog Raylene has made in her life to 70 people at the Florida State Committee meeting of the Good Sams of Florida Fall 2016 Rally.

In November, Chris and her husband drove with Hearing Dog Raylene to the Southern Palms RV Resort in Eustis, Florida to attend the Florida Good Sams Rally. "Since we own an RV and belong to the national Good Sam Club ourselves, it was a wonderful opportunity for me to share information about Dogs for the Deaf to such a large group - there were at least 370 RVs participating."

"What Hearing Dog Raylene and I enjoyed most that weekend was a chance to thank all the people who have donated to Dogs for the Deaf, and to share experiences about how a Hearing Dog like Raylene can make a big difference in the lives of those who receive them."

To learn more about Good Sam Clubs, visit www.dogsforthe deaf.org/good-sam-club/

Good Sam Club Letters



I am writing on behalf of the Three Rivers Good Sam Chapter, and our President, Dale Hunter, to thank you for our award, Miracle Makers Canine Friend.

We are proud to support this organization and appreciate the hard work it takes to rescue, train and place these special dogs.

We will continue to be committed to Dogs for the Deaf, as we have in the past. It is our pleasure to support such a worthy and wonderful organization.

Sincerely,

Sue, Secretary, Three Rivers Good Sam Chapter, Missouri

Your organization has once again been chosen by our local Cotton Patch Sams to receive a donation. Please find a check inside for the amount of three hundred dollars. We see how you make a huge difference in the lives of others, and we are so very

proud to be able to continue to support you in this effort.

Sincerely,

Denise, Treasurer, Cotton Patch Sams, Alabama

Attached please find the checks that we collected at the Florida Fall Rally in November 2016. We are pleased to present you with a total of \$7,475.

I also want to inform you what a fantastic job Chris did at our Florida Fall Rally. We were so excited to have her and Hearing Assistance Dog, Raylene since this was the first time we have ever had one of the dogs from Dogs for the Deaf at one of the Florida Rallies.

Sincerely,

Joan and Bill, Good Sam Florida Liaisons



2016 Good Sam Club Year-End Chapter and State Winners

Canine Friend \$500+	Pick of the Litter \$1,000+	Happy Tails \$2,500
Northern Lights - AK \$500.00	Happy Hobs - No Calif. \$2,400.00	Sam's Radio Hams - So Calif. \$2,625.00
Cotton Patch Sams - AL \$600.00	Caldwell Ramblers - ID \$1,465.00	Clackamas Campers - OR \$2,747.50
Diablo Bounders - No Calif. \$500.00	Kaveman Traveler s- ID \$2,276.00	Three Rivers Sams - WA \$3,500.00
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Valley Good Sam Drifters - WA \$503.75	Good Sam Club So Calif., State \$5,658.50	Good Sam Club Virginia State \$1,491.00



“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 Major Gifts Manager, Wanda Cockey, for more information, (800) 990-3647 ext 326.



* 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.

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The Guardian Society is a group of individuals who have the foresight and dedication to sustain the work at Dogs for the Deaf for many generations to come by including the organization in their estate plans with a gift of at least \$5,000. For more information on becoming a part of the Guardian Society, contact Major Gifts Manager, Wanda Cockey, at 800-990-3647.

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It is with great sadness that we report the passing of any of the dogs we rescue, train and place. These wonderful friends have provided many years of faithful service and love. They will be fondly remembered by those who loved them and were part of their lives.

JONAH – Certified Hearing Dog with Richard W., for 12 years.

TYBO – Demonstration Dog for 6 years; Career Change Dog since 2009.

AJ – Hearing Dog with Cindy R., Ohio, for 14 years.

MONA – Career Change Dog since 2006.

IN MEMORY OF

Donations have been received in memory of the following people who lived lives of love, compassion, and concern for both people and animals..

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