



Impact Report

January 2018

Your investment in focused training yields life-enhancing results.

Looking Forward to 2018

Happy New Year! 2018 promises to be a banner year at DBL, and we are incredibly excited for all of the great things planned.

As our Program Assistance Dog program continues to grow nationally, we're also working towards expanding our Autism Assistance Dog program throughout Oregon. As always, our DBL rescue van will continue to travel the west coast to find dogs to join our Assistance Dog programs.

We'll also continue to recruit Nationwide Ambassadors to meet our overall Assistance Dog program expansion.

Our new celebrity ambassador, Ryan Lane, will continue to raise awareness of our life-changing dogs through DBL special events and social media promotions.

In addition to sharing new stories about our dogs, clients and trainers, we'll also keep you updated on the progress of our Second Training Facility and the ribbon cutting event that is being planned for early summer.

Thank you for taking this journey with us. Your support is bettering the lives of dogs and people nationwide!



Caraway and Sam: A Perfect Match

Hearing Dog Caraway, a gorgeous yellow lab who came to us from Guide Dogs for the Blind, was placed with Sam in NY to help her with her sound awareness at home and in public.

During Caraway's initial placement visit, Sam expressed concern about how they would



function in public. It didn't take long before she was completely at ease and answering questions from those who were curious about Caraway and her role as an Assistance Dog.

Congratulations Sam and Caraway on a perfect match!

Foster Puppy Class a Success!

Last week, the DBL Foster Puppy class and their foster families visited a local REI store to learn more public outing skills.

It's not easy to get *five* puppies to remain calm and relaxed in a busy shopping environment. Great job fosters, pups and DBL Trainer Jenny!

This spring, look for a new section on our DBL website that will focus on our new puppies from cradle to placement!



HOW DOES YOUR GIFT CHANGE LIVES?



DONATIONS ARE THE BACKBONE OF COVERING THESE COSTS

Of every donated dollar, 81¢ directly supports our Training and Education program services.



Dogs for Better Lives programs:

- Hearing Assistance Dogs
- Program Assistance Dogs
- Autism Assistance Dogs

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Providing Assistance Dogs Since 1977

Dogs for Better Lives' 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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