

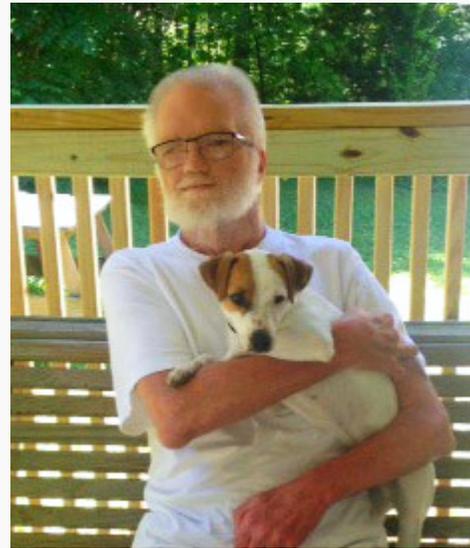


Recent hearing dog placement

Bud, a lively, fun and engaging Terrier mix was partnered with Roger S. of Indiana in June. Roger had difficulty hearing typical household sounds and Bud is the perfect match. Bud was rescued from Kern County Animal Services and was trained by Dogs for the Deaf for 5 months. Here's a fun fact about our boy Bud: he has "Double Dew" hind claws normally found on large breeds. All dogs have dewclaws in the front, but most hind dewclaws are merely genetic anomalies.

More facts about Hearing Dogs:

- Work mostly with adults
- Can be any size
- Rescued based on temperament
- The sounds they alert to are tailored for client's needs



Roger and Bud

Foster and Autism Program

Dogs for the Deaf is an expert in the field of rescuing and placing dogs with those who have hearing loss. Over the last year, we've been expanding our expertise in working with Assistance Dogs in other program areas.

In addition to our ongoing Hearing Dog Program, we're in the early stages of our new Autism Assistance Dog Program. The CDC reports that 1 in 68 children are on the Autism Spectrum and we want to use our 40 years of experience to help meet this very important need.

Autism Assistance Dogs are tethered to their child with a wrist leash in order to prevent them from running away. Quite often, a parent won't take their Autistic child into public due to this safety concern. Large breed dogs such as Labrador and Golden Retrievers are the perfect size and temperament for this important job, but we're not finding enough of these types of large breed dogs in shelters to meet the demand. Fortunately, we recently started our Foster Puppy Program and we'll have several dogs entering Autism training this fall.

Autism Assistance Dogs help Autistic children improve social interactions and relationships, expand verbal and nonverbal communication, increase interest in activities and decrease stress while in public. Your continued support will now help children on the Autism Spectrum.

Facts about Autism Dogs:

- Work mostly with children so their history must be known
- A large breed is necessary to anchor the child and prevent them from running off in public
- An Autism Assistance Dog's client is a child, but a parent is the dog's handler

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Ian and Parker

Please note: We are not taking applications beyond Southern Oregon as we are still in the beta stage of this program.

Rescue van on the road

Obedience Trainers Paula and Cameron have logged in thousands of miles this past year visiting shelters across the western United States, while rescuing 66 dogs.

Our team looks for dogs who are 1 to 3 years of age:

- Friendly with everyone (kids, men, etc.)
Not dogs that gradually warm up to people.
- Confident and happy going into new places.
- Non-aggressive (with people, cats, other animals).
- Free of skin issues (allergies, hot spots, etc.)
- Comfortable in kennel (can relax and be calm and quiet).
- Comfortable with handling (enjoys petting and okay with basic handling).



Cameron at the Valley Animal Center in Fresno during their annual Super Adoption Event.