



Update: Ian and Parker

In February of this year, a Yellow Labrador Retriever named Ian became the first dog from Dogs for the Deaf to be trained and placed as an Autism Assistance Dog. Ian was paired with a wonderful boy named Parker. Like many kids, Parker is very afraid of bees, and it's amplified when combined with autism.

Parker loves camping and going to the river, except for the bugs. While camping this summer, a bumblebee landed on him and he was overcome with fear. His mother, Emilie held him and waved the bee away but Parker wouldn't stop shaking. Ian instantly ran behind Parker and pushed himself up against Parker's back while his mother held him in the front.

Without being told, Ian instantly knew that Parker needed pressure to help calm his anxiety. Ian's larger size isn't just helpful with tethering; it also helps when applying pressure, which comforts Parker during stressful times. In that moment, Ian became Emilie's teammate, helping her comfort Parker when she needed him the most. Everyone who witnessed Ian's actions was amazed.



Volunteer Spotlight

Danny G. has been volunteering and walking dogs at Dogs for the Deaf for just a short few months but he already feels like “it has been one of the best things that has happened to me in a long time.

Originally from California, Danny moved to Southern Oregon in 2010 and recently discovered Dogs for the Deaf after seeing a Dogs for the Deaf trainer working with a dog in public. A Retired Coast Guard veteran with 20 years of service, Danny deals with depression and PTSD. He believes that volunteering and walking the dogs has greatly helped with this area of his life.

“The love and attention I get from all the dogs I walk just makes my day,” Danny says. “The dogs show unconditional love, and all I do is walk them. They take away a lot of my stress. I can’t explain it.” Danny is particularly fond of Dallas, a Terrier and Airedale mix. “Dallas reminds me of a dog I had growing up,” Danny said.



Danny and Dallas

Dogs for the Deaf is fortunate to have volunteers like Danny. “It is my privilege to work with all our volunteers ,” says Volunteer Coordinator Linda K.

Helping Paw Partners

This Fall, Dogs for the Deaf will launch a recurring donation program, the Helping Paw Partners. Donors who sign-up for this program will commit to supporting Dogs for the Deaf monthly at a giving level they feel comfortable with.

Each Helping Paw Partner will receive a certificate and a collector's magnetic lapel pin acknowledging their support of this important program. The Helping Paw Partners program will support Dogs for the Deaf’s program needs.



Dogs for the Deaf needs help raising funds for a new Ford Transit van and a mid-size

SUV. Both vehicles are needed for picking up and transporting rescued dogs from across the western United States. This is just one area that our Helping Paw Partner members can help us!

Watch your mailbox, our website and social media pages the next two months as we gear up for this exciting new way to support our mission.