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Pringles is Making a World of Difference



Pringles, a 2-year-old, blond terrier-mix is from Valley Humane Society in Fresno, California. "Pringles loves sound work and wants to please" is how Katie, Pringles' trainer, describes him.

The two were matched in September, 2017 and seemed destined to be a team from day one. Sheryl and Pringles clicked immediately and during the placement training, Sheryl practiced the sound work without wearing her hearing aids. "Pringles is a wonderful working boy!" says Sheryl.

While having Pringles alert Sheryl to someone at the door or getting up for work in the morning is a huge help, it is the bond and companionship they share that helps make her life better. "He senses me so well. These dogs become your independence and your heart and ears! You can't ask for much more than that!"

The challenges faced by people living with hearing loss are widespread. For many, the struggle entails not only the difficulty of missing sounds in daily life but also feeling less connected to people and less aware of the environment around them. While hearing aids are a tremendous benefit for people with hearing loss, they do not alleviate all of the obstacles. Even wearing hearing aids, the effort to hear and understand what is going on around them can be draining. However taking aids out can mean cutting off that contact to the world of sound.

Sheryl, in North Carolina, knows this feeling firsthand. She described it as, "exhausting", and when she's at home she sometimes must take her aids out. This is when having a Hearing Dog can make a world of difference.



April is National Autism Awareness Month and to help celebrate, Dogs for Better Lives announced the expansion of its Autism Assistance Dog program into the metro areas of Portland and Salem, Oregon.



Dogs for Better Lives launched its autism program in 2016 in southern Oregon and expanded it to families in central Oregon in 2017. "We're now ready to extend the program into the state's largest population region where there are significant resources available to support children on the autism spectrum," said John Drach, Dogs for Better Lives' Training Director.

Dogs for Better Lives has successfully placed four Autism Assistance Dogs in Oregon since 2016, taking a careful and deliberate approach to building a strong program foundation. "We want to be sure we can provide our Assistance Dogs to deserving children and families without any long delays," added Drach.



Dogs for Better Lives Receives a Special Gift

Dogs for Better Lives is honored to have faithful and generous donors who are committed to helping us achieve our mission of rescuing dogs and helping people live more independent lives.

Just recently, Dogs for Better Lives received a very generous stock gift valued at more than \$100K from an anonymous and long-time donor. This gift will directly support the expansion of our Autism Assistance Dog program and our Second Training Facility.

Donations, big and small, are the lifeblood of Dogs for Better Lives' ability to professionally train and place Assistance Dogs. We are humbled and honored to have amazing supporters - with gracious hearts we thank you!





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