



Impact Report

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Telly and Julia Enjoying the Good Life in Texas



Hearing Dog Telly, a Chihuahua mix, was rescued from the City of Bakersfield Animal Care Center, then professionally trained at Dogs for Better Lives to become a hearing assistance dog. Telly was placed with Julia in Texas earlier this year, and the two of them bonded instantly!

Julia is completely deaf and is quite active with her local Deaf community. Telly alerts her to what is going on around her - a significant impact for Julia.

Telly is also benefiting from his placement with Julia: he is living a wonderful life with 25 acres to play on with his two new kitty siblings and a brother pig. Life is good in Texas!

Wonderdog Wellie Saves the Day!

Hearing Dog Wellie showed off his alerting skills last month while shopping at Wal-Mart. DBL client, Jen noted, "All of the sudden the lights went out in the store followed by a blaring alarm and flashing lights!"

Calling upon her training, Wellie sprung into action and alerted Jen by giving her a tap with her nose. Jen gave her a sound work reward and said, "What!?" Without hesitation, Wellie turned around and led Jen out of the store.

Jen was completely in awe of Wellie and her trained response to her question and urgent reaction to potential danger. "I couldn't be more proud of this girl than I was in that very moment. She amazes me with her loyalty and dedication to me and her job as my hearing dog and ears."





Los Angeles Donor Appreciation Event a Success



Dogs for Better Lives hosted an appreciation event for its Los Angeles donors in April. The event was held at the downtown San Antonio Winery - a beautiful setting for this special gathering.

[DBL ambassador](#) and client, Richard, was the guest speaker. He talked about his experience with having hearing assistance dogs by his side and how Jonah, his first Hearing Dog, and Noni, his current Hearing Dog, have enriched his life.

"Jonah gave me the best years of my life - he assisted me with sounds like the doorbell and telephone. I felt like we were pioneers for DBL because we went everywhere together up until he passed in 2016." Richard also noted, "Jonah and Noni were the best people magnets - you can't imagine how many people ask, "Is your dog in training?" This leading question allows him to explain what a Hearing Dog is and what Dogs for

Better Lives does for both dogs and clients.

DBL celebrity ambassador, Ryan Lane, was also present at the event and carved out time for a few photos with guests and DBL board and staff members.





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