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Dogs for the Deaf Foster Puppy Program

Thank you letter

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Before you dig into our first ever Foster Puppy Newsletter, I would like to thank those of you who have joined in our program and our mission. It is not every day that you get to meet people who are willing to turn their whole world around to welcome a foster puppy into their home. You are giving these foster puppies the chance to learn and grow in a loving environment and allowing them to become the **BEST** Assistance Dog they can be! Yes, there are going to be those moments when you will be chasing your foster puppy, who just found the perfect mud hole to roll in and is now a different color, or when they decide your right shoe is their new favorite chew toy! There are also those golden moments when they learn their first command, the sounds you hear when they dream about catching the squirrel, and when they finally fit in their Future Assistance Dog cape. All of these moments will leave paw prints on your heart because you made the decision to open your home to a foster puppy. For this, we cannot thank you enough. These foster puppies go on to change lives in ways that cannot always be described with words, and it all starts with people like you. So, from all of us at Dogs for the Deaf and the people we serve, we thank you for taking that step to becoming a foster family!



**"The only creatures
that are evolved
enough to convey
pure love are dogs
and infants." -Johnny
Depp**

Sincerely,
Hannah Crane

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Foster Puppy Program Coordinator

Sit, Stay, Squirrel!

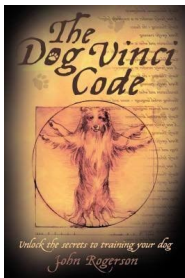
As with all things new, we had our first ever Puppy Class!!! Welcome Priya and Anjanette, Leo, Samantha and Ryan, Maggie and Virginia, and Zephyr and Michelle (who we will actually meet next class)! We got off to a good start– lots of puppy behavior to discuss and goals established. We discussed recall (come when called) and how important it is and practiced “leave its” (also important!). We also discussed public outings with the pups and varying food treats to help prevent future allergies. I’m very excited to be working with such a great group of dedicated fosters and exceptional pups.

Paula Lysinger

Dogs for the Deaf Obedience Trainer



Paula’s Recommended Read



The Dog Vinci Code by John Rogerson. Practical advice from a well respected behaviorist on how to raise a loving, well-behaved canine companion. This is not a training how-to book so much as an overall guide in developing a strong bond with and understanding your dog. I was fortunate enough to attend a John Rogerson training last fall and saw his methods in action. This guy knows dogs!

Training Tips

John Drach is our Training Director here at Dogs for the Deaf. He has been with Dogs for the Deaf for 8 years, and has been a trainer for a total 26 years . Now who better to give a word of advice than our fearless leader himself?

“Puppies can be very cute. The things they do make us laugh and enjoy being around them. The one thing we all have to remember is that they won’t be puppies forever. That sounds pretty simple, but puppies gain size and strength as they get older. “OK, John, what are you trying to say?” If you allow a puppy to do something when they are smaller and cute, you’ll have to put up with it when they get older and stronger. The best puppy training advice I ever received was this: don’t let a puppy do anything you don’t want your older dog to do later. Assistance Dogs cannot jump on people, bark uncontrollably, get on furniture or pull on leash. Because of that, your Foster Puppy should not be allowed to do these things either. Have fun with them, but remember, they have to behave like future Assistance Dogs.”



Latest News from Dogs for the Deaf

Dogs for the Deaf is proud to announce that we have placed our first Autism Assistance Dog! Ian is doing a phenomenal job and has changed the lives of his new family members. Ian came to us from Guide Dogs for the Blind in Boring, Oregon in June, 2015. He worked diligently with his trainer every day to become an Autism Assistance Dog. Ian graduated and was placed in his new home in February of this year. It is our hope to change more lives like those in Ian's family, and our foster families and puppies play a major role!



The Search is Still On

As our Foster Puppy Program expands so does our need for foster families like you. We are always searching for loving homes who are willing to take that first step into foster family-hood. Even if we don't have puppies ready for homes at our facilities it is always beneficial to have foster families readily available. If you know anyone who would love to become a part of our program or would just like more information, let us know! We are always looking forward to meeting new people and spreading the puppy love!

FUN FACT

PUPPIES SLEEP 90%
OF THE DAY FOR
THEIR FIRST FEW
WEEKS.

Dog Walk 2016



Please come out and join us in a tail waggin' good time at our 2016 Dog Walk! The theme this year is The Silver Screen. So grab your dog, get dressed up, and come on down! You can register online at: www.DogsForTheDeaf.org

Superstar Celebrity: \$35 with a \$100 donation

Celebrity: \$35

Star (age 12 & under): \$10

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Professionally training dogs to assist people, enhance lives & provide greater independence is what Dogs for the Deaf is all about.

Our Mission

Dogs for the Deaf's 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.

Our Vision

Dogs for the Deaf's vision is to be a premier national provider of professionally trained Assistance Dogs.

History

Dogs for the Deaf, Inc., a 501(c)(3) non-profit, "for impact" organization, was founded in 1977 by the late Roy G. Kabat. Roy worked with exotic and domestic



Dogs for the Deaf founder, Roy Kabat, with Jeremiah.

animals for movies and television and had a small traveling circus. After retiring to the Applegate Valley in southern Oregon,

he was contacted by the American Humane Association and their headquarters in Denver, Colorado. A deaf woman in Minnesota had a dog that trained itself to let her know when things were going on. As she lost more and more hearing, the dog alerted her to more and more things. After her dog died, the woman realized how much she had come to depend on the dog and began a search for someone to train a new dog for her. The American Humane Association began some experimental work trying to train dogs

to help people who were deaf, and they wanted Roy's advice. After spending two weeks in Denver, Roy came back to Oregon and began Dogs for the Deaf.

Dogs for the Deaf was first housed outside Jacksonville, Oregon, then moved in 1989 to our current 40 acre site at the base of lower Table Rock in Central Point, Oregon.

Dogs for the Deaf maintains a life-time commitment to every dog rescued from shelters and every client helped.