

# Canine Listener



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## Betty White invites you to attend Hooray for Hollywoof

Spend a glitzy, glamorous afternoon of dancing, dining, drinking, shopping, and mingling with the stars to celebrate Dogs for the Deaf's 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary. This paw-sitively paw-fect gala will be held Saturday afternoon, August 4, 2012, at the Sportsmen's Lodge in Studio City, California.

**Hooray for Hollywoof** is your chance to hobnob with Betty White and our Celebrity Cabinet as the Pup'parazzi catches you on camera. Replete with fabulous food and doggie themed drinks, we'll be having live music, a live auction AND a silent auction. This fur-filled pawty is sure to make a splash with Hollywoof insiders.



This red carpet event is sure to sell out quickly. Tickets are only \$250 per person general admission or \$1,000 for the VIP package.

All proceeds benefit Dogs for the Deaf's programs to rescue dogs and train them to assist people.

Tickets to this event are on sale now. Keep checking our website, Facebook and Twitter for exciting updates and new additions to the celebrity line up.



Did you receive your November issue of the Canine Listener? We had some serious problems with the company that was mailing our newsletter, and several people called about not receiving their newsletter. Your issue should have arrived right around Thanksgiving. If you did not receive our always special fall issue, let us know, and we will gladly send you a copy. We are sorry for this inconvenience.

### Also Attending



Lea Thompson

Stephanie  
Carpentieri



Andrea Arden

Our friends at Ram Offset Lithographers have graciously donated the full color pages in this newsletter.

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# Placement Highlights

## This Tango's More Than a Dance

Nikki S., California, was born deaf. She lost her first Hearing Dog Sabre to old age and quickly realized how much she had depended on him to help her. It was hard to wait for her new ears to arrive, but finally the good news came that we had a dog ready for her. We found Tango, a cream (with black highlights) Terrier/Papillon cross, at the Central California SPCA. He had been picked up as a stray and needed to gain some confidence, but he had all the other traits needed to be a Hearing Dog. During training, his trainer worked to build his confidence, and the new skills and games he learned helped, too. When he was ready for placement, he was matched with Nikki who was anxiously awaiting his arrival. Tango made himself at home right away and the two got acquainted. Once as they were starting to practice one of the sounds, Tango alerted her and Nikki smiled broadly and said, "Oh, what a cute face he has!" and then proceeded to follow him to the phone. Nikki's mother Jane told the trainer what a tremendous relief it was to know that Nikki would again be aware of things happening around her. Nikki recently wrote in one of her progress reports that they have been practicing the smoke alarm with a tape recorder upstairs by the smoke alarm when she is downstairs. Tango is quickly alerting her and taking her upstairs to the smoke alarm. They continue to practice every day and are getting to know each other better and better.



## Sage's Story

Sage's story begins on a very sad note. A two-year-old Golden Retriever/ Great Pyrenees cross, he had been abandoned by his owners and left in the back yard to fend for himself. The neighbors had been giving him food and water so he wouldn't starve or go thirsty. After a few weeks, they realized no one was coming back for him so they notified SCRAPS in Washington, and animal control officers took him to their shelter. He had a great temperament, was eager to please, and large enough for one of our applicants, Nick B., a young man with ALS. Nick's father lives with him to help care for him, and they hoped that a special dog could provide not only unconditional love, but also some help as Nick's condition changes. When Sage finally arrived at Nick's home, it was as if Sage knew this was where he belonged all along.

Sage's days of being abandoned are over, and Nick has constant companionship plus help with his balance. If he drops anything, Sage is there to pick it up and give it to him so he doesn't have to bend over and risk losing his balance and falling. It is a happy ending for all.



**... to all of our major sponsors  
for enriching the lives of our recipients and enabling them to live more independently:**

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District 36-E Lions & Lioness (Oregon)  
Oregon Good Sams  
Parjarito Sams  
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Reddy Eddy RV Club  
Southern California Good Sams

Northern California Good Sams  
Sam's Radio Hams  
Oregon State Grange  
Get Along Sams  
Washington Good Sams  
Nevada Good Sams  
California Federation of Women's Clubs  
Oregon Lions & Lioness  
Lions Clubs / Lioness Clubs

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Eastern Star, Shrine, & other Masonic Groups  
*Many other generous clubs & individuals*



## Friendly Casper Goes Texan

A two-and-a-half year old, white, Maltese mix, Casper came to us from the Spokanimal Care Shelter in Spokane, Washington. They didn't know anything about his background, but he was sweet, lovable, and confident. He passed the trainer's initial evaluation and testing so we brought him in for training. With care, love, and training, Casper flourished. He enjoyed his time with his trainer learning to alert her to the doorbell/knock, oven timer, smoke alarm, telephone, and all the other sounds so he could become a Hearing Dog, and he loved going on walks with our volunteers. Life was good for Casper. As his training neared completion, his trainer began looking for the right applicant for Casper. Yolanda V., Texas, was the right match for Casper's skills and personality. Yolanda was born deaf and had her first Hearing Dog Barney until he died of old age. She had anxiously been awaiting the arrival of her new ears. It was an exciting time when Yolanda and her husband Ed saw Casper and his trainer drive into their driveway. After introductions and getting acquainted, they began practicing sounds and transferring Casper's attention to Yolanda. Yolanda also has M.S. and sometimes becomes bedridden during flare-ups. During these times, it is very important that Yolanda be able to call for her husband for help. If Ed is somewhere where he cannot hear her call for help, Casper quickly goes and gets him and brings him to Yolanda. Casper is also alerting them to the washing machine when it beeps and all the other usual sounds. Yolanda and Ed are going to benefit in many ways from Casper's training and from his love and companionship. And, of course, Casper is happier than ever and receiving lots of love and good care.



## Griz is All Biz (and love, too)

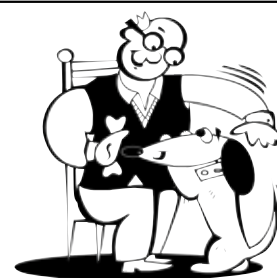
Donna and Roger K. from Montana are both in their 80's, and Donna has both limited vision and some hearing loss. They applied for a dog to help Donna and be her constant companion. They wanted an older dog and one that was very calm and stable. Because of her limitations, in order to reward the dog and play with him, she needed the dog trained to fetch a toy, place it in Donna's lap, and step back and wait for one of them to throw the toy. We found the right dog for Donna at Becky's Best Friend Rescue in Washington. Griz, a seven-year-old Retriever/Australian Shepherd cross, came to the shelter because of a divorce. Dogs over the age of five are very difficult to adopt, and the shelter had not been able to find a home for Griz, so they were excited when our trainer evaluated him and decided to adopt him. He had the temperament and desire to please that Donna needed, and when training was completed, he was definitely the right dog for Donna. They were very excited to meet Griz, and he took to Donna and Roger immediately. They played a little and got to know each other, and then Griz showed off his skills. He did great, and they were so glad to see how well behaved he was. This special Miracle Mutt is truly performing miracles in his new home—a senior dog is saved and two human seniors have a greatly improved life.



## Thank you Foster Friends . . .

Denny Wise • Margene & Joe Coates • Wendy Gruner  
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**We thank these volunteers for helping to nurture  
 and raise the dogs highlighted in this newsletter.**



## Dogs for the Deaf is auctioning off Betty White!



Don't miss this "Golden" opportunity to enjoy a private lunch for four with Betty White at a Los Angeles restaurant. Imagine you and three guests (four people total) enjoying lunch with the Emmy Award-winning actress, former "Golden Girl," and star of TV Land's "Hot in Cleveland," Betty White.

The best part... you'll be helping Dogs for the Deaf just by eating, drinking, and having a groovy time with Betty.

So... how does this work? Check our website, or check our Facebook page, in mid-spring, 2012, for the announcement of the eBay auction start date. Or, you can join our newsletter mailing list and email fan club to be

among the first to know when the bidding will begin. Just visit our website to sign up. Every page on our website has a quick and easy email newsletter sign up form.

Lunch date with Betty must be made during 2012 and is subject to Betty White's schedule.

**Value:** Priceless     **Donor:** Betty White



It's fundraising with flower bulbs! Visit the Flower Power site and shop their HUGE collection of flower bulbs. Increase the beauty of your home and community while helping Dogs for the Deaf at the same time.

For every purchase made on the site Flower Power Fundraising will give 50% back to Dogs for the Deaf. Now that's true flower POWER! AND, they are America's #1 EARTH FRIENDLY fund raiser... can't beat that.

Flower Power offers only the finest, best-quality bulbs and plants available from growers in Holland and the U.S. They are so confident in the quality of their products that we offer an unconditional, 100% money-back guarantee.

Ends April 27, 2012.

**Visit our website for more info and for bulb planting tips from DFD's own "master gardener" - CFO Leanne Moon - [DogsForTheDeaf.org/flower-power](http://DogsForTheDeaf.org/flower-power).**



## GoodSearch it!

How often are you presented with a question to which you've no clue as to the answer and find yourself saying, "I don't know – Google it."

Googling has replaced baseball as the great American past time. What if you had a penny each and every time you Googled anything from "Ellen Degeneres' shoe size" to "telepathic terriers"? I'll bet you'd have a LOT of pennies. A fantasy, you say? To which we reply "No!" As furry fate would have it, this once hypothetical theory has now become a most tantalizing reality.

Are you, like most people, convinced that there is no search engine other than the almighty "Google"?

Well hold up there, pardner. Not so fast. There's a new search engine in this here virtual town, and it is creating quite the buzz as it appears on more and more computer monitors with each passing day. What search engine is this and what is all the fuss about? The search engine is "GoodSearch," and not only is it competing with the top dogs, but contributing big dollars to nonprofits.

Just go to [www.goodsearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com), enter Dogs for the Deaf as the group that you support, and click on the link to put GoodSearch on your tool bar. A penny is donated to DFD with every industrious or inane internet search! So go crazy internet surfers, and make every search a GOODSEARCH for Dogs for the Deaf.







## 21st Annual DOG WALK

Our 21st Annual Dog Walk will be June 2 in Medford, Oregon, at Hawthorne Park. This event is a fun-filled day of family activities for people and pooches alike. This year's Dog Walk theme will be "21"... so get your costumes ready!

There will be fabulous prizes, fun contests, demonstrations, kids' activities, and a great lunch. Activities start at 8:30am, and the walk starts at 10:00am. The Dog Walk Grand Marshalls for 2012 will be local news anchor Laura Cavanaugh from Medford's own KOB Channel 5 news, and Ed Luttrell, National Grange Grand Master.

**NEW THIS YEAR**—Online registration AND your friends, relatives, and work associates will be able to donate using your own personal Dog Walk page, too, which you can create and share on Facebook or by email. It couldn't be easier, or more fun! We'll have more information on our website as Dog Walk draws nearer about how YOU can set up your own personal Dog Walk page.

Check out our website in April to get registered and start collecting donations. We hope to see more people and dogs than ever.

If you are too far away to attend in person, you can still participate in this special event by sending in a Dog Walk donation.



Thank you for supporting *Dogs for the Deaf* through your workplace giving campaigns! The Combined Federal Campaign, United Way, Independent Charities of America, individual state campaigns, and other independent workplace campaigns make up many of our wonderful donors supporting our mission. Most workplace campaigns accept designations to *Dogs for the Deaf, Inc.* by name.

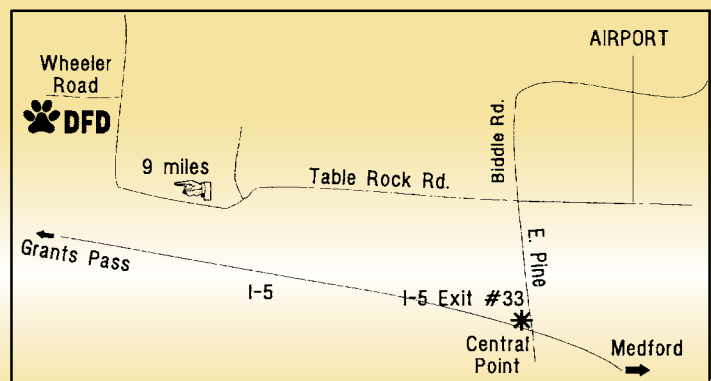
If your workplace campaign or the corresponding website requires our IRS employer identification number, it is: EIN# 93-0681311. Please write in "*Dogs for the Deaf, Inc.*" on your designation form to ensure that your donation is being properly directed to our organization. We are listed in the "Animal Charities of America" section of the Combined Federal Campaign pamphlet. The "Best In America" service mark pictured here is awarded to fewer than 2,000 out of 1,000,000 charities nationwide by the Independent Charities of America. We are proud to announce that *Dogs for the Deaf, Inc.* received authorization to display this service mark in our correspondence, on our letterhead, in the newsletter, and on our website. Your designation to support the rescue and training of our special dogs is much appreciated!

## Tour Dogs for the Deaf

We would love to have you visit our facility in Central Point, Oregon. We will show you a 16-minute video, take you on a tour of the facility, and give you a demonstration of one of the dogs actually in training.

So as not to disrupt the trainers' busy schedules, we ask that you please call ahead to make a reservation. Regularly scheduled tours are at 11:00 am and 1:00 pm Monday through Friday, except for holidays. Tours take approximately one hour. RV parking is available.

Call to make a reservation for a tour, or visit the **Take a Tour** link on our website. We'll be looking forward to meeting you!



From the Biddle Road/Table Rock Road intersection it is approximately nine miles to Wheeler Rd.  
(You will cross the Rogue River before coming to Wheeler.)  
Watch for mile marker 10 —  
this is where you turn left onto Wheeler.

# CLUB News

We would again like you to accept our check from the **Sakakawea Good Sam Chapter**. At our State Sambo-ree, we proudly displayed our well-earned award flags for our support of DFD.

Marion S., Treasurer, North Dakota



Please accept the enclosed check from the **Tumbleweed Sams**. We appreciate the work you do to rescue unwanted dogs, provide for their care, and training them to help enhance the lives of people with disabilities or other special needs.

Paula H., Secretary/Treasurer, Texas

Although I've been laid up with a broken ankle for three months, the **GOOD NEIGHBORS of Skyland** saved all their recycles in their garages until I was able to take over again. Two new neighbors are providing lots more beer bottles which weigh more than cans/plastic—Hurray! Enclosed is my check for \$157.00. Give pats to the dogs for me.

Dolly A., California



We are enclosing our annual donation of \$300.00 which we raised from events while camping and end of the year donations from our chapter members. We are pleased to support DFD and the fine work you do.

Karen B., Treasurer, The Southern Maryland Wanderers

The **Northern Lights Chapter** of the Alaska Good Sams is pleased to send you this \$2,000.00 donation. We raise these funds through different fund raising efforts during the year.

Mel B., DFD Representative



Enclosed is a donation for \$1,500.00 in memory of Jake Cobble. He was an honorary member of our chapter. This year we raised our money by playing Bingo and having our DFD auction.

Patricia S., Treasurer, Norewga Sams #38, Georgia

**BPO Does Lusk Drove #64** just completed their annual Jewelry Raffle fund raiser for DFD. We are sending our donation of \$522.00 to Grand Lodge to be forwarded to you. We are a small Drove but are proud to be able to support DFD

Barb C., Wyoming



I am pleased to report that **Sam's Radio Hams** Chapter of the Good Sam Club has wrapped up its 2011 DFD fund-raising year with a very successful Holiday Raffle. We are enclosing our final donation for 2011. This should bring our 2011 total contribution to \$8,094.00, a number of which we are very proud! We very much want to sponsor another Hearing Dog (our 5th) with this contribution. I certainly enjoy working with the team up there in Oregon.

Ron M., DFD Chairman, California

## 2012 Good Sam Year-end Winners

### 2011 Top Ten Winners

Chapter Name	State
Sam's Radio Hams	S. California
Palouse Rolling Hills	Idaho
Payette Rovers	Idaho
Caldwell Ramblers	Idaho
Logan Valley Sams	Nebraska
Northern Lights	Alaska
Get Along Sams	Washington
Trail Dusters	Oregon
Three Rivers Sams	Washington
Happy Hobos	N. California

### 2011 Top Dogs Winners

Chapter Name	State
Cotton Patch Sams	Alabama
Northern Lights	Alaska
Footloose Sams	Arizona
Sugar Loaf Sams	Arkansas
Happy Hobos	N. California
Sam's Radio Hams	S. California
San Juan Good Sams	Colorado
Shanty Shakers	Delaware
Good Sam Seahorses #55	Florida
Norwega Sams	Georgia
Palouse Rolling Hills	Idaho
Rock Valley Sams	Illinois
4-F Sam	Iowa
Cenla Roadrunners	Louisiana
Friendly Maryland Travelers	Maryland
Wright Way Sams	Minnesota
Tenn-Tom Travelers	Mississippi
Logan Valley Sams	Nebraska
Swinging Sams	Nevada
Zia Roamers	New Mexico
Seneca Sams	New York
Dakota Sunrise	North Dakota
Crooked River Sams #51	Ohio
Trails End Sams	Oklahoma
Trail Dusters	Oregon
Blue Mountain Sams	Pennsylvania
Square Dancing Sams	South Carolina
Rio Valley Funtimers	Texas
Utah Trail Dusters	Utah
Foxchase Sams	Virginia
Get Along Sams	Washington
Pan Handle Sams	West Virginia
Jack Pine Travelers	Wisconsin

# CLUB News

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There are 19 Chapters in the **Utah Good Sam** organization. We meet twice yearly to play games, have fellowship, and enjoy entertainment. We also have many activities to raise money to be donated to charity. Enclosed is a donation to DFD for \$1,000.00 from these efforts.

*Harold J., Utah State Director,  
Good Sam Club*

Please accept this contribution of \$300.00 from the **Cotton Patch Sams**. We know those who receive these special dogs are thrilled more than any words could ever express.

*Janice W., Treasurer, Alabama*



Our camping club, the **Tenn-Tom Travelers** supports DFD each year. Enclosed is our check for \$500.00. It is so good to read the stories of what the dogs and people do for each other. Keep up the good work.

*Ruby B., Treasurer, Mississippi*

Please find enclosed our \$500.00 donation from the **Ashland Lions Club**. This donation is in recognition and support of the contributions DFD makes to the quality of the lives of its clients, the clients' families, and the dogs it saves. It is a pleasure to support an organization that brings independence and happiness to so many.

*Mark J., Treasurer, Oregon*



I am pleased to send you our check from the **Maryland Good Sam Club** in the amount of \$430.00. This represents the proceeds from our annual Brown Bag Auction held during our Fall Samboree. We love supporting your great organization.

*Marie S., Treasurer*

The **Blue Mountain Good Sam Club #31** is happy to send you a check for \$800.00 from our fund raising event and also collecting cans. We want to help support the great services of your organization. We are very glad, with the Good Sam Chapters all over the country, to have a part in your terrific organization.

*Mary A., Secretary, Pennsylvania*



Enclosed is a check for \$500.00 from the **Riverside Lions Club** in Riverside, Illinois. I am very happy that I was able to encourage the Lions to contribute to DFD for two years in a row. It is my hope that they will contribute every year.

*Carmela A., Board Member*

The **Michigan State Grange** collected the enclosed items for you at our recent State Session. Thank you for all you do to help our four-footed friends and folks in need!

*Lois N., Deaf Awareness Chair*



The **White Mountain Winnies** voted to send a donation to help with your great work. We are now merging with the state club, the Granite State Winnies, and I think we will continue with our donations.

*Barbara W., Treasurer, New Hampshire*

It is unbelievable but true, enclosed are the donations from the Fall Roundup for the **Idaho Good Sam Chapters**; they total \$7,815.72. We were overwhelmed and thrilled.

*Dick and Carol D., DFD Chairman*



We understand the importance of providing quality trained dogs to qualified applicants and were unanimous in electing to support DFD again this year with a \$200.00 check from the **Shanty Shakers** of the Delaware Good Sam.

*Donna H., Treasurer*

Enclosed please find the checks received at our **Oregon Good Sam Dog Walk 2011**—a grand total of \$1,866.00. This is a 20% increase over last year. Yeah!

*Michelle W., Oregon Good Sam Dog Walk Coordinator*



Please accept this charitable donation on behalf of the **Grand Lodge Benevolent, Patriotic Order of the DOES**.

*Kathy B., PSP and Supreme Treasurer*

Enclosed is our annual donation check to help with your great work in helping people and dogs. At each monthly meeting of the **Royal Neighbors of America—Sweet Home**, Oregon, our little "Doggie Bank" is passed around and members deposit spare change. The total amount plus a little from our Chapter funds is sent at the end of the year with love to thank you for all you do for so many people in our country.

*Carla H., Recorder, Treasurer*



The quilt ladies (Phyllis, Betsy, and JoAnn) of the **Compadres R.V. Club** made another beautiful quilt and raffled it for DFD, generating a \$200.00 donation.

*JoAnn M., California*



The **East Albany Lions Club** (Oregon) participated in the Oregon Good Sam Dog Walk last fall and donated \$500.00 to DFD.



## "Ears to You"

Letters from partners of our special DFD dogs

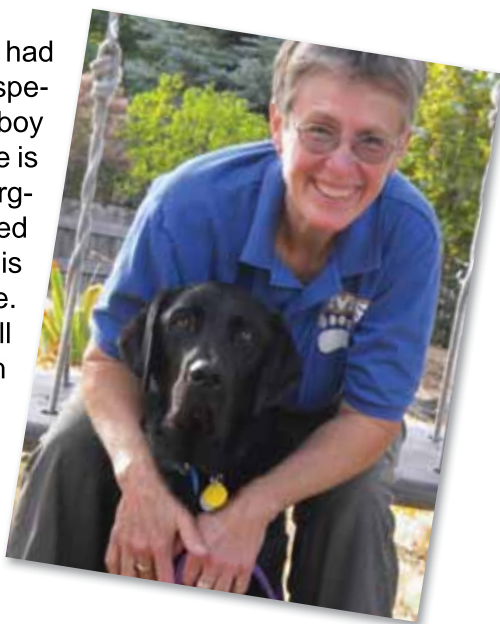


I have had my little dog Poppy for a just over a year now, and I wanted to tell you how much I enjoy her. She was a little too old for you to train for a Hearing Dog, but I could not have asked for a better companion since I am also getting a little too old to get out and do all the things I used to do. One of the best things about your plan that helps people like me is if/when I can no longer take care of her, she will be given back to you, and I do not have to worry about if she will go to a good home. I know you will find caring, loving people for her, and she will be well taken care of. Thank you so very much for the help when I needed it and for coming to the house to make sure the two of us were making a good pair.

*Charmaine W. and Poppy, Oregon*

In just two weeks, Nelson has had a great effect on my class of special needs students. There is a boy that I have had for four years. He is high functioning Autistic (Aspergers), and he typically has not liked school or being in my class. He is usually angry or grumpy with me. He reads a lot, and Nelson will cuddle up to him and nudge him until he pets Nelson. This puts a big smile on the student's face. He is much more pleasant to me, too—all in just two weeks!

*Janet V. and Nelson, Oregon*



We just wanted to say hello and give you a Wilson update. He is doing wonderful. He is a happy, loving boy. We can't thank you enough. Wilson is such a blessing.

*Kathryn and Dane B.  
and Wilson, Oregon*

Dear Emily,

DB is doing fine. He is working exceptionally well for me. At home he stays close to me always. He hears for me, and I need him more than ever and am so thankful he is here. Since last summer, I have had repeated ear infections which require that I not use my hearing aid. This is depressing for me. Thankfully, DB is a dedicated worker and companion. DB enjoys being out in the yard. He supervises everything around us and he loves being the "Greeter" when we are out. He learned his lessons well and has not forgotten. Thank you for him.

Love and licks,  
*Nan F. and DB, Michigan*



Enclosed is a donation as sincere thanks for my former Hearing Dog Hobbit and my new Hearing Dog Rio. We greatly appreciate the financial assistance from your emergency veterinary fund for her patellar luxation repair. Rio has recovered fully and is doing wonderfully again! She does a wonderful job with her sound work and is very enthusiastic. She responds to the oven timer, smoke alarm, door knock/bell, and name call. Rio has responded to the oven timer even from the backyard! It is so great knowing I don't have to constantly hover/check on things. Rio loves to snuggle with all of us—myself, our child, and my husband. She is a lap-pug when not in perpetual motion. Thanks for everything!

*Christen S.,  
and Rio,  
Tennessee*





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Cherelle and I recently did a DFD presentation for the Corvallis After Five Rotary Club. If you look closely at the photo, you will see a couple of people watching Cherelle intently. As always, everyone was most impressed with our girl.

*Karen B. and Cherelle, Oregon*



I am deeply saddened to inform you of Romeo's passing. He was over 17 and had multiple health problems. My heartfelt thanks to DFD for giving me over 16 years of total joy, sound awareness, and unconditional love. I miss him terribly. The enclosed donation is in his memory.

*Lucille L., Alaska*

Murphy is doing very well and continues to help me and my husband, too. I had to have back surgery, and I honestly believe that Murphy helped me recover faster by wanting to go for walks. He makes me more active. My husband Ed isn't able to do very much. When Ed is having a bad day, Murphy will jump in Ed's lap to be petted. When I take Ed out in the wheelchair, Murphy stays right beside me while I push the wheelchair. He lets me push the wheelchair through doors and then he will come through the door last. He did this right from the beginning.

Without Murphy, I would really be lost, as my hearing

loss has gotten much worse. Murphy works the sounds great.

I really love my Hearing Dog and would be so very lost without him. So would Ed. Even though I have had Murphy for nearly five years, I cannot thank you enough for giving me a chance at a new life with my gentle, funny, loving new set of ears. He makes me smile every single day.

*Sheri and Ed A. and Murphy, Minnesota*



Meg and I had a good year. She sits in her chair waiting for something to help me with, whether it's the phone ringing, a knock at the door, or rats in my house's crawl space. Thanks to Meg



I was aware I had rats under my house before they caused much damage. Meg says to say, "Miss you all. Love you."

*Lona J. and Meg, Washington*

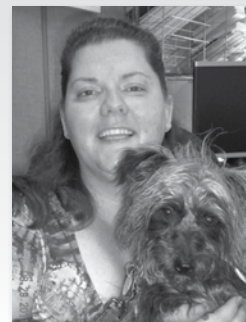
Thanks for Ozzie. He has been a great help for Jane while I have been working in Chicago these past two months. We were really blessed when Ozzie came to our home to be Jane's ears.

*Craig D., Nevada*



Rugby is great at alerting me to sounds, and he is so hilarious. Just looking at him cheers me up. We had to go out of town for work, and he was a trooper in the car and the best ice breaker at a meeting recently. He is really good with other dogs, too.

*Tiffany F. and Rugby, California*



I visited Lawana N. and her Miracle Mutt Kyla recently. They are doing great together. Lawana wanted to make the enclosed donation so DFD could rescue more dogs like Kyla so others like her could have a special dog to help them. She said she doesn't know what she would do without Kyla!

*Heather W., Washington*

Dazzle is a charming, intelligent, delightful life partner. Jack and I have shared ten wonderful years with him so far, and he has changed our lives forever.

Besides his usual Hearing Dog duties, he also alerts us to dropped objects, such as keys. He retrieves them and gives them to us. After taking me to a sound, amazingly, he always steps aside to let me go first. He is a true gentleman! He makes us so proud, wherever we go. We take every opportunity to show people what Dazzle can do. We love Dazzle very much and try to take as good care of him as he does of us. Thank you, DFD, for giving us the best gift in the world.

*Stephanie, Jack, and Dazzle South Carolina*



## Second Life benefit concert raises funds for DFD

On November 16, 2011, a benefit concert for Dogs for the Deaf was held at Two Moon Paradise Resort - hosted and owned by Sabra S. - in the popular virtual online world of Second Life. Three popular entertainers donated their time to the four hour concert.

This virtual benefit concert was more than just a fundraiser. It was a "FUN-raising" event! It educated people worldwide about Assistance Dogs and about Dogs for the Deaf. It also opened up an important dialog. During the benefit concert I was approached by several people who had lost their hearing and by one person who had lost his vocal chords. As I write this, people are still coming to me to offer thanks and to share stories of their experiences with their own disabilities.

Second Life is a virtual, international world that can only be accessed online. It is a three dimensional world where you can be a pirate, a knight in shining armor, or a resident of just about any period of history - past, present, or future - that you can imagine. Second Life even has its own monetary system called Lindens and it recounts an earlier era when gas was 25 cents a gallon and bread cost a dime a loaf. You can experience and create anything you can imagine, socialize, play games with friends, work, explore, attend live music performances... the only limit is your imagination, which makes this world an amazing place for those who are disabled or home-bound.

Jack W., South Carolina

**Editor's note:** Jack W. is the husband of Stephanie who is a DFD Hearing Dog client. Stephanie's Hearing Dog, Dazzle, was featured on the virtual concert poster (see below) promoting the benefit.



*Robin Dickson, DFD Pres./CEO, accompanied our Head Demonstration Dog Bonsai to the National Grange Convention in Tulsa, Oklahoma, last fall.*



## Thank You, E. L. Wiegand Foundation

A special thank you to the E. L. Wiegand Foundation, Reno, NV, for its generous \$67,180.00 grant to purchase two new vehicles for DFD. We do a lot of traveling along the western states evaluating dogs in shelters and also traveling to placements within a day's drive once the dogs are trained. This requires safe, reliable transportation and enough room for several kennel crates.

Two of our previous vehicles were at the end of their service life, and two others were no longer suitable for long-distance travel. We were invited to submit an Application for Grant to the E. L. Wiegand Foundation and were thrilled when the Trustees approved the funding of these two new vehicles.

After research, we decided that the Honda Pilot was the best option for room, reasonable gas mileage, and reliability. We were excited when the grant request was approved by the Foundation, and our trainers and dogs are now traveling safely.





## EVERYONE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE



Six-year-old Tabitha, in Pennsylvania, met Hattie, one of our Hearing Dogs, and learned about DFD. Tabitha decided she wanted to make dog blankets to donate to DFD. She has been so excited to do this project that she was telling everyone (even at the school bus stop) about DFD and that she was making blankets for the “special dogs that help people.” One parent said to Tabitha’s mother, “Really, how is that going to make a differ-

ence?” Tabitha replied, “I can’t sew, but my mommy can, and I can pick out the fabric. It doesn’t matter if you are 6 or 60—anyone can make a difference!”

Jen, Hattie’s partner, wrote, “What a wonderful little girl! She also took the packet I mailed her with her Hattie’s Helper certificate to school and showed the principal. We are now, (thanks to Tabitha) working on setting up a program at her elementary school. They are interested in adopting DFD as their Community Service Project. This is one little girl who wants to make a difference.”

Let us all remember—**EVERYONE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE**—Thanks, Tabitha!

We went to the La-Z-Boy store to purchase a recliner. The sales people asked us what made Coda a Hearing Dog. We made a phone ring, and he alerted me right away and took me to it. “Ohhh my, how fast he responds!” was the comment from the sales people. It seems like wherever we go, we educate someone.

*Kurt and Stella D. and Coda, Connecticut*



### FREE SIGHT-SAVING EYE EXAMS FOR ASSISTANCE DOGS THROUGHOUT THE U.S. AND CANADA

If you have an Assistance Dog, a Detection Dog or a Search and Rescue Dog, you can have your dog’s eyes examined during the month of May. The American College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists (ACVO) is launching the 5th annual ACVO/Merial National Service Dog Eye Exam Event to help dogs who dedicate their lives to serving the public. More than 200 board certified veterinary ophthalmologists throughout the U.S. and Canada will provide free sight-saving eye exams to thousands of eligible dogs.

Registration begins April 1, 2012 at [www.ACVOeyeexam.org](http://www.ACVOeyeexam.org). Registration ends April 30, 2012. If you have a dog who qualifies for this free eye examination, contact them to see if it is being offered in your area.

## You Can Help Secure the Future of DFD...

Our Endowment Fund is a special and separate fund set up to ensure the financial stability of DFD for many generations to come. Money designated to the Endowment Fund is invested wisely, according to carefully developed guidelines. The principal remains invested in the Endowment Fund, and the interest earned is used for the general operating expenses of the organization.

Our Finance Committee has established the goal over the next few years for the Endowment Fund to grow to the level where the interest from the investments will cover the necessary administrative and fundraising costs for Dogs for the Deaf annually.

When this goal is reached, then all regular donations will be able to be used directly for the hands-on work with the dogs’ training, placement, and follow-up.

In order to achieve this goal, we need your support. In addition to your normal, generous donations to the work of DFD, we hope you will be able to send in a special donation to the Endowment Fund. You will be enhancing the financial stability of DFD, and you will know that your donations will help people and dogs for many years to come. Please be sure to indicate that these special donations are for the Endowment Fund.



***There are so many creative and fun ways to raise funds to donate to DFD. These ideas not only help DFD, but they can also help children learn to serve others and they can help recycle items you no longer need. Also, don't forget the possibility of your employer having matching gift programs that will double your donations. Have fun with your family or group, and you will be helping DFD rescue, train, and place more dogs with more people.***

The enclosed donation is given in memory of Otis, a service dog who worked in U.S. Customs for Homeland Security at the Cincinnati airport. Due to bad knees, Otis was retired a few years ago and adopted by his trainer/handler and her husband. Much loved and part of a four-dog pack of happy animals, Otis has just met an unfortunate accident and did not survive. His family grieves. As always, thank you for the work you do and for rescuing these little animals.

*Bill and Jocelyn C., Oregon*

Dear Robin,

My friend Alexandria owns Red Square Boutique in San Mateo, California. She had a two-day Camp Couture for kids to make dog beds and blankets for the wonderful rescued dogs at DFD. I was happily surprised to see so many delightful beds made by hand by children for your dogs. Also enclosed are a few "tug of war" toys the kids made.

Alexandria believes in being "green" so most of the materials are repurposed from something else. She provided all the materials, and the kids did the sewing. They were very clever and talented. She does a great job of instilling a good work ethic and how to be proud of what they have accomplished.

*Pam Herriott, DFD Volunteer Ambassador, California*



I learned about DFD at a Body and Soul Lunch in Mt. Holly, North Carolina. You are great. I'm a senior and won 1st place in Silver Arts oil painting. I sold my painting and am happy to donate the proceeds to DFD. Keep up the wonderful work and God Bless You.

*Annette W., North Carolina*

On Christmas Eve, instead of a gift exchange, we held a silent auction, and the proceeds are enclosed and are being donated in memory of Bob Hogg and Glenn Hogg. I had my Canine Listener with me and everyone enjoyed reading it. Being a member of Oregon Single Sams, DFD is my favorite project. Thanks for all you do.

*Harriet H., Oregon*

My classroom saved pop tabs and aluminum cans from August to the first of December. We are happy to donate the money from these to DFD. Thank you for all the wonderful work you do with dogs to improve the lives of adults and children.

*Miss Laurie and Miss Nildu, Teachers, Crystal River Pre-school Headstart, Florida*



Every year my two brothers and I donate to a favorite cause instead of exchanging gifts. Since DFD is very dear to my heart and my brother Jack lives in Oregon, this is my gift to him and his wife Marna for 2011. Merry Christmas to you all.

*Joan D. and Ollie (Hearing Dog), Michigan*





My name is *Emily*. I am 14 and have my own egg business. At the end of each month, after I sell all my chickens' eggs, I organize my money. I put \$55 to the lease on my horse. I give myself a small paycheck, and then I put \$10 to my charity account. By the end of November, I had \$100 put away in my charity account. For the 4th year in a row, I decided to give my charity money to DFD because your charity does so many amazing things for people every day. It is charities like yours that are making our world a better place. I hope my donation helps. It is very well deserved.

*Emily E., California*

Here is Philanthropic Wine's 2011 year-end donation to DFD. Thank you for all the good works you do.

*Paula S., Oregon*

Enclosed please find a donation from the Heartland Midwest Foundation. In researching your organization, we found your mission to be of particular interest to us. The Heartland Midwest Foundation has a mission of "Making a Positive Difference" and feels your organization has the power to positively impact the lives of countless individuals. We wish you continued success with your organization.

*Joseph and Debra B., Trustees, Kansas*

Here is my donation raised through dogangeljewelry.com

*Amy V., Oregon*



We sold our homemade doggie treats at our craft show. Please accept this \$250.00 in memory of Shana, Shannon, and Popcorn.

*Pat and Vinny R., Delaware*

In honor of HorseNet Horse Rescue in Maryland, we are donating our proceeds from The Blind Dog Winery to DFD.

*Linda W., Maryland.*



Several years ago, Darlene Toole wrote a book, CAJUN'S SONG, about one of our Hearing Dogs Cajun. Two of Darlene's friends, Ann and Alicia, decided to make a quilt honoring Cajun and donate the quilt to us for a fundraiser. Darlene could not stand the thought of someone who didn't know Cajun having the quilt so she offered to buy the quilt and then donate it back to us for display at our facility. This beautiful quilt is now hanging in our tour room, along with a picture of Cajun and a commemorative plaque, for all visitors to see. Thank you to Ann and Alicia Steiner for making the quilt and to Darlene and Paul Toole for buying the quilt and giving it to us for display.



Please accept the enclosed gift from the members of Common Bond, a support group for widowed and divorced adults over age 50 as our annual charitable gift. One of our former members and her Hearing Dog came to one of our meetings and told us of the wonderful work your organization does to help those who have hearing loss.

*Mary Anne W., Director, Pennsylvania*

Enclosed is our Carmen J. Moore Charitable Trust contribution for 2011. We appreciate your newsletter. The news of Jude's placement was especially pleasing to us as that is how I first met your trainer, Carrie Brooks, and learned about DFD.

*Karen H., Oregon*



We are pleased to send you our donation for the last two quarters for the sales of Blind Dog Wine in memory of Duane Robinson and "Bingo" and in honor of his Hearing Dog Toby. We had a wonderful Holiday Season and Blind Dog was a big seller. Hence, we have a nice, large donation for you. We again entered the San Francisco Chronicle Competition (the largest wine competition in the world for American Wines), and last week Blind Dog Wine received a Silver Medal for the third year in a row! Toby is very proud and we are thrilled. We will be bottling 1300 cases in the next few weeks so stand by for more sales in 2012.

*Pam and Steve L., and Toby, California*



My brother is once again able to send a gift to DFD instead of purchasing Christmas gifts for family. He requests that this gift be in memory of our uncle, Bill Belcher. Bill was a dedicated animal rescuer and volunteered at his humane society in Texas.

*Mary H., Arkansas*

# We Get Letters!

*We visited your facility several years ago and were very impressed with the work you do and how well DFD is run. In these times when charities are struggling, I wanted you to have this check to help you continue your good work with people and dogs that get a second chance.*

*Patty W., Washington*

*I want to sincerely thank you for placing Nelson with Janet V.'s class at the Ashland Middle School. Our son attends Janet's class, and we have seen the whole class benefit immensely from Nelson's training and calm, wonderful presence. Thank you for the wonderful support and the hard work which you contribute.*

*Laurel B., Oregon*

*Thank you for saving dogs. My donation this year is in memory of the loves of my life—Blossom, my blonde Lab, and Cinnamon Bear, my Golden Retriever. They loved each other and gave me more than words can tell. I miss them more than this donation can say and hope it helps save another dog from a shelter.*

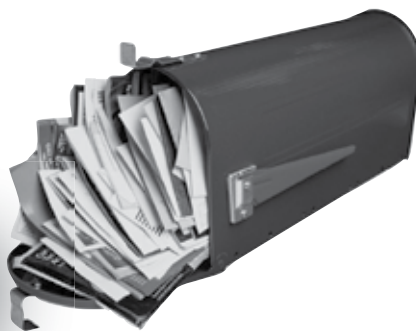
*Theresa F., California*

*Enclosed is a donation in memory of our two "kids." Saimin and Shandee were both 17 when they passed. We loved them dearly, and they travelled over 155,000 miles with us in different motor homes. They even stopped at DFD with us on one of our trips. Although they did not go on the tour with us, they were aware of your great facility and the good work you do. Please honor them by using this contribution wherever it is most needed.*

*Gary and Lynn L., California*

*We visited while on a train trip to California. I apologize that we can't recall the names of the ladies we met, but we were given a terrific tour by them and a demonstration by one of the dogs. It was very informative, and we appreciated all the time they spent with us.*

*Cherie and Craig C., Oregon*



*I would like to commend you for your ability to expand the use and services of the dogs you rescue which aids mankind and saves dogs that are a great gift to us. Please apply this small donation to the Endowment Fund to help continue your good work years from now into the future. Thank you.*

*Robert and Phyllis F., Washington*

*We are happy to help support the work you do. The way you have expanded your services is great. It saves more dogs and helps more people. Have a Happy Holiday Season.*

*John and Nora H., Oregon*

*Enclosed is our gift to assist in your efforts to rescue dogs and help people. I tell lots of people about DFD and pass your newsletters on in hopes that others will see your results and be motivated to donate also. Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas.*

*Glynny and John S., New York*

*It has been just a year since Hank left us. For many years Robin and DFD have been very special to us and continue to be. God Bless all of you for your wonderful work.*

*Helen W., California*

*I am so glad CAJUN'S SONG is back in stock. I look forward to reading it because our group, Porsche Club of America—Chicago Region, sponsored Janice's current dog Scooter. Sorry for the delay on the enclosed 2011 donation—time just got away from me!*

*Marla T., Illinois*





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We visited DFD this past summer and had a great time! The dog we watched was Rugby, who is profiled in the newsletter we just received. It's great fun to learn how he has progressed and is now being someone's ears. We'd like to honor two deceased pets with our donation. Keep up the wonderful work.

*Laurie and Keith A., California*

The picture you sent of the Field of Memories stone honoring "My Angel Spirit" dogs is a treasure. Many thanks for your thoughtfulness in helping me with this lovely tribute.

*Gail M., North Carolina*

*Thank you so much for the honor in choosing Louie to be pictured on the label for your new You-Bake Dog Biscuits. We will be baking some soon for him. It is great to have healthy, fun treats for our furry best friend and companion. Thanks for all the wonderful work DFD does.*

*Michael and Paula M. and Louie, Oregon*

*I've been laid off for a year but just found a job so here is a little something for you. Keep up the good work.*

*Marie T., Pennsylvania*

My wife and I met some Good Sam members in Waverly, Iowa, this year and found out about DFD and that you are in Central Point, Oregon, near where my wife's folks live. I think that the Good Sam Club members are a wonderful supporter of yours, and they certainly made us want to donate to your wonderful organization.

*David V., California*

Today I met one of your dogs in training at Target. What a well behaved gentleman Jackson is!

*Amanda T., Oregon*



I received your lovely thank you letter, and my husband received his thank you for his raffle donation. You and your staff are always so thorough and gracious in acknowledging donors. We truly value the work you do and wish you every success. We are always more than happy to benefit your wonderful organization and help get the word out at our annual antique show.

*Carole B., Redding, California*

*Twin Bridges Antique Productions*



*(Carole generously donates 20% of all paid admissions to her annual two-day antique show in Medford, Oregon; plus many vendors donate items for a raffle, with proceeds coming to DFD.)*

I have been a supporter and donor for several years. I think you do wonderful work; I especially like that you get your dogs from shelters. And, as a lady wrote recently, I like that you do not trade or sell your mailing list to others. I just recently found an organization—Charity Navigator—on the internet that rates charities and displays their finances, etc. and how much they spend for fund raising and administration. You probably know this—you get the highest of ratings and spend very little on fund raising and administration. I thought I would send this along for some of your other donors who might not know.

After investigating, I did stop donating to some organizations; my instincts were not always good, but you folks continue to be right at the top of my list, with only one or two others. Thanks for what you do—especially for the DOGS!

*Roy R., Oklahoma*



I just want you to know that I love the "Canine Listener." I laugh, I cry, but I read it cover to cover and always come away with a warm, fuzzy feeling. You accomplish so much good—both for the animals, the majority of whom want only to love and be loved, but instead face being put to death, and for the people who so desperately need what the dogs, after training, can provide them. How great is that!

*Billie S., Texas*

P.S. What's the update on Brody?

**Editors Note:** See page 20 for a Brody update.



Enclosed is a small donation for the good work you do. Many years ago my husband and I took a trip to northern California and stopped by your complex. It was very small then, and you have come a long way in making your facility much larger. Your work has made many people enjoy life more. I myself am hearing impaired for about 30 years and wear hearing aids. We would like to send a bigger donation but we are in our 90's and try to stretch our income the best we can.

*Alice C., California*



## Here is what your contribution will provide...

- \$100 Initial vaccinations
- \$300 Rescuing a dog from a shelter
- \$500 Evaluation and tests plus spaying/neutering
- \$1000 Initial testing of the dog for alertness and aptitude for training
- \$1,500 Taking a dog through the quarantine/evaluation period in preparation for training
- \$2,000 Follow-up visits of five teams
- \$3,000 Costs for placement week, going to applicant's home with the dog, training the applicant, and transferring the dog to the person
- \$5,000 You or your group being named as the sponsor of a dog at the time of placement.

Dogs are placed FREE of charge with applicants nationwide and in Canada. The total cost of operating DFD comes from contributions from individuals, service clubs, businesses, foundations, memorials, and bequests. DFD is a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization approved by the IRS. Donations are tax deductible according to current laws.

**NO TAX DOLLARS support this program.**

### Newsletter—March 2012 correction

We always strive for accuracy in all of our work; however, the last issue of the "Canine Listener" #118 had the wrong picture on page 9, accompanying a note from Lynn and Sandra T. and their dog Emma. This is the correct picture of Emma. We are sorry for the error.



## We Get Visitors



Merrill C., Oregon Good Sam State Treasurer, his wife Jane, and their son Derrick stopped by for a visit and tour (at right - DFD's Kimberly M.)



DeAnne Alcorn and Phillip Fortier, Square Sammers from northern California, toured DFD last fall.

## Thank You, CFC

We want to extend a very sincere thank you to all Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) donors who have supported DFD in the past year. The CFC is an annual fundraising drive held by federal employees and military personnel each year to help charities. These government employees decide which charity/charities they want their donations to go to, and then the donations are done through payroll deduction. For the year 2011, CFC donations totalled over \$122,500.00.

CFC members have generously supported the work of DFD, and we greatly appreciate their willingness to help. We are listed in the "Animal Charities of America" section, #10969.

## DID YOU KNOW...

Our dogs are chosen from animal shelters, where they might otherwise be euthanized if no homes are found for them. By using shelter dogs, we are able to help alleviate some of the unwanted dog population by rescuing these dogs. DFD places our dogs in loving homes where they provide valuable and even life saving benefits. DFD guarantees follow up support for as long as the person and the dog are together.










## “Live News Feed” Comments from our DFD Facebook Fans


**Editor's note: Tuesday, January 31, 2012, @DogsForTheDeaf on Twitter received its 10,000<sup>th</sup> follower!**


 Dear Internet, this is what freedom means. Support Dogs for the Deaf. You won't regret it.  
~ @BeingStray, via Twitter


 THIS is a win, win, for ALL involved - dogs lives are saved, people are helped - loving hearts find each other. ~ Patrice B., via Facebook


 Love this work! I'm passionate about creating opportunity for underestimated kids. ~ @SaraWinter\_, via Twitter


 The dogs are miracle workers in fur coats! ~ Barbara R., via Facebook

 Hey, thx 4 the follow! Your work is interesting and we'd love to visit sometime. ~ @GiveDotMobi, via Twitter

 We are a new nonprofit and we are scheduled for a 5K race April 7th here on the Eastern Shore of MD. After our race we are going to be donating money to this wonderful organization! Dogs for the Deaf have been supporters of our twitter campaign when we were just a thought as @patricksmovment. Now we are operating @nostrays too! Pop over and visit us and come support if you can. xoxox WOOF! ~ Lori M., via Facebook

 Everyone follow @DogsfortheDeaf... they train dogs to assist those in need. ~ @CameyKendrick, via Twitter

 Of all the animal organizations that I support I had never heard about this one. They rescue dogs from shelters, train them and place them with people who are deaf, have autism or other disabilities. They have no government funding and rely solely on the generosity of a compassionate public. These donations have a profound positive impact on the lives of dogs and people. I definitely am adding them to my contribution list. ~ Marilyn E., via Facebook

 I really believe besides being masters of love, dogs are both healers and teachers; a beautiful, deep partnership for each.  
~ @tigerkirkland, via Twitter

## HAPPY 35TH ANNIVERSARY, DFD!

*By Barbara B. and Atlas, Oregon*

December third, nineteen seventy seven

The start of an idea that came straight from heaven.

To match a pair, be they human and dog

So good for each other, like two bumps on a log.

That was thirty four years ago and the dream's a success;

How could anyone know how much all would be blessed.

Through DFD's doors have come thousands of dogs to get

Special training to assist or to be someone's pet.

So happy together, how much better can life get?

Becoming a helper to someone lonely and sad

Can only mean happiness, more than either of them had.

They have someone to talk to, to eat with, and more,

Someone to care for and give in return,  
even a Miracle Mutt adds so much to the score.

So, we say Congratulations and may you have many more,

For all that you do, you certainly are the group to adore!!



Now you can shop online at eBay AND help DFD at the same time! Just use the eBay "Give at Checkout" feature, which allows eBay users to add a donation to any purchase for their favorite non-profit organization when they pay using PayPal.



Dear Robin,

Thank you for your kind words of support to me and my family. I do have many good memories, especially of the last few months of Dad's life. Many of these memories are of Dad and Cherelle, my Hearing Dog. When we'd go to visit my parents, Cherelle knew that he needed extra attention. If he was alone for a while in the living room, she'd go check on him as he sat in his recliner. She would gently lick his hand and seem to "scan" him with her nose. These are things that she never did prior to his illness. He enjoyed the attention, and I enjoyed watching the smile on his face whenever she checked him out. She went with us to a number of Dad's doctor visits and infusion appointments. Dad would brag about her to the staff. The day of the funeral, the family was gathered in the kitchen, and I noticed that Cherelle was missing from the group. I went into the living room and found her alone, sitting very upright as close as she could to the armrest of Dad's recliner. She just sat there for a few minutes and then came to join me. She has not sat by the recliner since. It was as if she were paying her last respects.

Robin, having a Hearing Dog gave me the confidence to take my Dad, just the two of us (plus Cherelle), to his appointments. Cherelle's presence provided a lead-in to talk about my hearing loss and my communication needs to the health professionals who were treating Dad. She was also a reminder to them that I have specific communication needs. I discovered that having her with me greatly reduced the need for me to repeat to someone to speak up, speak a little slower, and look at me when talking. I am not sure how well I could have handled Dad's illness and subsequent death had Cherelle not been a part of my life. Now she helps me provide encouragement and emotional support to my mother as she copes with living without her husband of 58 years. Cherelle keeps on giving in wonderful ways, not only to me but to those close to me.

It is in memory of my father John W. Brockett, that I make this donation to DFD.

Your grateful Hearing Dog Team,

*Karen B. and Cherelle, Oregon*



## NEW DOGS FOR THE DEAF DVD

We are proud to announce that we have a brand new DVD available that gives an inside look at all we do at DFD.

This DVD includes updated information on all the types of dogs we are now training - Hearing Dogs, Autism Assistance Dogs, Program Assistance Dogs, and Miracle Mutts. It shows dogs in training, and includes testimonials from our recipients. It is beautifully done in HD and is truly a professional production.

If you live too far away to visit us, this is an excellent way to learn more about DFD and "tour" our facility.

We also hope you will consider showing this DVD to others in your area, educating individuals and clubs about the services we provide - rescuing dogs and helping people with a variety of disabilities. This is an excellent opportunity to help our DFD family expand and have more people supporting our work and mission. Hopefully, it will also encourage people who might benefit from one of our specially trained dogs to apply for a dog.

On this DVD, there are two versions - 20 minutes and 4 minutes. This gives you flexibility, according to the time you have available for showing it.

This DVD is available for purchase for \$12.00 or you can borrow it for a two-week period at no charge - just pay return postage. We hope you enjoy the video and that you share it.

Special thanks to DFD Board Member Gayle Wilson for writing and directing this production and to the Oregon Good Sam Club members and chapters for funding a major portion of the cost of production.



## Watch for DFD in Print and on TV

DFD does not pay for any advertising, but we do have print and video public service ads that are run in various publications and on various television stations around the country.

We prepare these ads and send them out once a year, hoping that some of the magazines and TV stations will need to fill a spot or will be interested in our mission and want to help by running our ad.

If you see one of our ads, either on TV or in a magazine, we would appreciate it if you would let us know. Either clip the print ad and send it to us, making sure we know what publication it was in and the date, if possible, or let us know the city, channel, and approximate time you saw the ad on TV. This will help us greatly and enable us to thank them so that hopefully they will run our ads more often.





# PLANNED GIVING... CREATING A LEGACY



It is your right to choose who benefits from your estate after your death. Don't let the state do it for you! A valid will or trust is the only way to protect your loved ones and to designate and benefit a charity. If you were to die without a will or trust, the laws of your state would determine the distribution of your property as they see fit, and your family and friends could battle and lengthen probate for years.

Throughout your lifetime you are in control of your assets and can make changes anytime. Planned gifts also allow you to make a larger gift than you may be able to do right now.

Planned gifts can create special opportunities and benefits for both the donor and Dogs for the Deaf. You can allocate a percentage or cash sum to benefit a charity such as Dogs for the Deaf. There can be considerable tax benefits - including income payments for life (Charitable Gift Annuity) or you can also reduce or delay capital gains taxes. For more information and to learn the benefits of making a planned gift, please talk with your financial advisor.

Remember to review and update your estate plans (will/trust) as needed due to marriages, divorces, births, financial gains/losses, or charitable gifts. A valid will or trust is the only way to protect your loved ones and to designate and benefit a charity. Here are some ways you can make charitable gifts or a bequest to benefit a charity.

*Bequest/Will or Trust  
Trust Life Insurance or IRA  
Outright cash amount  
Charitable Lead Trust*

*Charitable Remainder  
Securities/Stock  
Bargain Sale on property  
Charitable Gift Annuity*

For more information on making a charitable gift through your estate planning, please contact:  
Dogs for the Deaf at (541) 826-9220.

*What I like best about Dogs for the Deaf is that each dollar I give returns twice the value by saving two lives... a dog's and a person's. - Phyllis E., California*



## DON'T MISS OUT on the latest DFD NEWS, EVENTS & CONTESTS!

**DID YOU KNOW...** we have exciting events that happen at DFD **in between** the publication of our quarterly newsletters that we'd LOVE to let our fans know about? Dogs find their forever homes, we have contests and events, we get cool new products, slash prices in our gift shop... and much more!

**DON'T MISS OUT!** We'd like to give you the opportunity to participate by signing up for our DFD E-Mail Fan Club. We promise NEVER to inundate your e-mail inbox with requests for donations or junk mail. We also promise that we will NEVER sell, trade, or give away your e-mail address. It will be used strictly for DFD communication with you.

If you want to be part of our special DFD E-MAIL FAN CLUB, send your e-mail address to [info@dogsforthe deaf.org](mailto:info@dogsforthe deaf.org) and put **"Join E-mail Fan Club"** in your e-mail subject line.

And, **please remember to notify us if you've changed your e-mail address.**

**DID YOU KNOW...** you can help us reduce our costs by getting the newsletter in electronic format instead of receiving the hard copy version via USPS mail. Go to any page of our website at [DogsForTheDeaf.org](http://DogsForTheDeaf.org) (look for the "Subscribe to our Newsletter" box) to sign up. When you receive the special preview version of our newsletter in your e-mail inbox, you'll know that the current newsletter is posted on our website for viewing, downloading, and/or printing. We also have an archive of past newsletters available on our website's Newsletter Archive page.



Brody

Some of you have asked about Brody, a dog with a lot of challenges that we have been having a very difficult time finding a home for. While we still have not found Brody a permanent, forever home, he is now in a loving foster home with our part-time obedience trainer and her husband. Brody is enjoying being in a real home and receiving lots of love and good care.

We are still hoping for a permanent adoption for Brody, but this is great for now.



## ATTENTION CFC DONORS!

For those of you who donate through the Combined Federal Campaign, we are now listed in the "Animal Charities of America" section, #10969.

### Moved? Changed your e-mail address? Let us know...

Help us conserve donor dollars by making sure we have your most up-to-date contact information.

Send address changes to:

[info@dogsforthedeaf.org](mailto:info@dogsforthedeaf.org)

or mail to Dogs for the Deaf, Inc.

10175 Wheeler Road, Central Point, OR 97502

## DOGS FOR THE DEAF

rescues/trains/places six types of dogs to help with different disabilities, challenges, and needs.



**Hearing Dogs**  
**Autism Assistance Dogs**  
**Program Assistance Dogs**  
**Miracle Mutts** (special dogs for special people)  
**Harmony's Hounds** (dogs with special needs)  
**Career Change Dogs**



**HEARING DOGS** are trained to alert people to household sounds that are necessary for everyday safety and independence. They are trained to make physical contact and lead their person to the source of the sound. By providing sound awareness and companionship, these dogs enhance parenting skills, increase employability, and provide greatly increased freedom and independence.

**AUTISM ASSISTANCE DOGS** are trained to enhance the safety of children with autism by acting as an anchor and preventing the child from bolting into unsafe environments such as traffic, bodies of water, etc. Autism Assistance Dogs can also have a calming effect on the child and may improve the child's willingness and ability to communicate and bond.

**PROGRAM ASSISTANCE DOGS** go to work with and assist professionals such as physicians, teachers, counselors, and courtroom advocates in the treatment of and work with their clients. These dogs can help improve overall cognitive development and provide a calming effect, allowing the professional to better serve or treat the clients. These dogs do not have public access except when accompanying the professionals and their disabled clients in order to provide assistance to the clients.

**MIRACLE MUTTS (special dogs for special people)** are wonderful, loving dogs who can provide companionship, motivation, and emotional support to people who need a "helping paw." After veterinary care, some training, and confidence building, these dogs are placed with adults and children who have a physical, mental, or emotional need that can be helped with a loving pet or companion. These needs might include depression, loneliness, stroke, or mental or emotional challenges. Miracle Mutts provide a reason to get up in the morning, motivation to exercise, and they generally make life worth living. Miracle Mutts do not have public access rights.

**HARMONY'S HOUNDS** (dogs with special needs) are dogs we rescue from shelters and, during the medical evaluation or later in training, are found to have a special physical or emotional need that prevents them from completing training. These dogs need someone willing to provide a stable, loving home and possible medical care. In the right, nurturing environment, these dogs can thrive and provide lots of love and companionship.

**CAREER CHANGE DOGS** are wonderful dogs who are happy and healthy but just not suited to working for a living. These dogs make loving pets and companions and are looking for their forever homes.



## We Appreciate You!

During these difficult economic times, we are more grateful than ever for your commitment to helping us rescue, train, and place these special dogs with the people who need them and benefit so greatly from them. With your continued support, we promise we will continue this special work. We are a team, and together we will come through this challenging time stronger and better than ever.

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**Please continue to support the special work and mission of Dogs for the Deaf**

### Nupro Dog Supplement



Nutri-Pet Research, Inc. first donated 30 ounces of Nupro All Natural Dog Supplement in March, 1997, for us to try on the dogs in training. We were immediately impressed with the quick effect it had on their coats and overall appearance. We contacted them requesting more, and they have been donating a 20-pound tub of the supplement every three months. They have also offered to sell the product to our recipients at a special "rescue" price.

We are now using Nupro All Natural Supplement as a regular diet supplement for all the dogs in training.

For more information on Nupro All Natural Dog Supplement, contact:

Janice at 1-800-360-3300 or 732-786-8822  
Nutri Pet Research, Inc. - 227 Hwy. 33 East,  
Manalapan, NJ 07726

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The KONG Company has generously donated over 100 KONGS to DFD. Our dogs now enjoy a daily dose of mental enrichment by chewing and licking their way through such delicacies as banana KONGS, KONGSICLES, cream cheese KONGS, and turkey and mashed potato KONGS. Our dogs also get part of each meal from a KONG that keeps them busy between training sessions. This helps alleviate barking, boredom, and chewing. Thanks to help from friends like KONG, we are able to continue our efforts for mental enrichment for the dogs in training.

Get a KONG for your favorite canine. Check them out at [kongcompany.com](http://kongcompany.com) and thank them for their generous support of DFD.





## Notes from Robin

It is hard to believe that we are celebrating Dogs for the Deaf's 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year. The dream that started 35 years ago has saved the lives of thousands of dogs and

made miraculous differences in the lives of the people and families they are placed with. During those 35 years, we have learned a lot, made a lot of improvements, and been very blessed with all of you faithful, generous members of our DFD family.

To celebrate this accomplishment, we are going to celebrate in several ways. The highlight of those celebrations will be on August 4, 2012. We are planning a very special event in Studio City, California, with Ms. Betty White as our celebrity hostess. You can read about this in our cover story. We also have volunteers who are putting Dog Walks on in some different parts of the country. This will be an opportunity for even more of you to participate in a DFD Dog Walk. Other activities are in the planning stages, too. Please check our website [dogsforthe deaf.org](http://dogsforthe deaf.org) for the latest anniversary plans and activities.

As I think back on these 35 years, the changes in the world and in DFD have been amazing. We didn't have our own copy machine until about 1984, and we purchased our first computer in the late 80's. The world of technology has changed so much that now almost every staff person must have a computer in order to do his/her job. Our donor base and the number of client/dog teams we keep track of have grown tremendously also.

During all of these changes in the way the world communicates and does record keeping, two things have remained constant: we always strive to have maximum efficiency while still maintaining a very personal approach to the way we treat our donors and clients. We truly believe that these are paramount values if we are going to maintain your trust.

In order to help accomplish these two goals, we recently began going through our donor records in an attempt to make sure that everyone on our data base actually wants to receive our newsletter and to make sure that all contact information on each person is correct. Every newsletter that is going to a wrong address or to someone who does not want to receive it is a waste of money. Thus, we have people calling selected donors in our data base to verify their contact information and also to ask if they want the newsletter sent to them electronically, through the mail, or both. These are NOT solicitation calls asking for more donations. We appreciate all of you who have answered these calls and verified your information for us.

Our new staff members are bringing excellent ideas and skills to DFD, and we are all excited about the future growth and evolution of DFD. In order to stay current with the world and maintain our goals, you may find us doing some things differently. It is very important to us that we communicate with you in the manner YOU prefer. For different donors this means very different things, and we want to honor your personal requests, so please let us know what your wishes are. Also, if you ever have any questions, do not hesitate to call and check in with us.

In closing, here is a quote from Nancy about her Hearing Dog Harley, "He taught me to be myself, on my own feet, able to more fully participate in relationships with my husband, my children, and friends. That, to me, is the greatest gift of all. He's taught me to fly."

Until next time, thank you for helping us enable people and dogs to "fly."

President/CEO





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Running or not, Donation Line accepts all vehicle donations for Dogs for the Deaf. They have towing agents in all areas of the United States ready to pick up your car donation ASAP. Non-running, junk and salvage cars are also accepted. In addition to auto donations they accept donations of boats, trucks, RVs, motorcycles, jet skis, planes, snowmobiles, and real estate.

For more information, visit the News & Events section of the DFD website.

*I am confident that whenever I need D.J., he is there to help me. He alerts me to sounds, he keeps me active, and he gives me a reason to get out of bed.*

*Jim B., Alabama*

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### DFD LEGAL/FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Dogs for the Deaf, Inc. makes every effort to maintain required charity registrations at state and federal levels.

Our philosophy at Dogs for the Deaf has always been to be extremely diligent in following state and federal rules and regulations. In order to continue this due diligence, we are enclosing the information below because various states are now requiring that we include it in all informational correspondence we send out.

**FL** - A copy of the official registration and financial information may be obtained from the Florida Division of Consumer Services by calling 1-800-435-7352 toll-free within the state. Registration does not imply endorsement, approval, or recommendation by the state.

**MD** - A copy of the current financial statement of Dogs for the Deaf, Inc. is available by writing 10175 Wheeler Road, Central Point, Oregon 97502 or calling 1-800-990-3647. Documents and information submitted under the Maryland Solicitations Act are also available, for the cost of postage and copies, from the Maryland Secretary of State, State House, Annapolis, MD, 21401, 410-974-5534.

**MS** - The official registration and financial information of Dogs for the Deaf, Inc. may be obtained from the Mississippi Secretary of State's office by calling 1-888-236-6167. Registration by the Secretary of State does not imply endorsement by the Secretary of State.

**NC** - Financial information about this organization and a copy of its license are available from the State Solicitation Licensing Branch at 1-888-830-4989. The license is not an endorsement by the State.

**NJ** - Information filed with the Attorney General concerning this charitable solicitation and the percentage of contributions received by the charity during the last reporting period that were dedicated to the charitable purpose may be obtained from the Attorney General of New Jersey by calling 973-504-6215 and is available on the internet at <http://www.state.nj.us/lps/ca/charfrm.htm> Registration with the Attorney General does not imply endorsement.

**NY** - A copy of our latest annual report may be obtained, upon request, from Dogs for the Deaf, Inc. or from the New York State Attorney General's Charities Bureau, Attn: FOIL Officer, 120 Broadway, New York, NY 10271.

**PA** - The official registration and financial information of Dogs for the Deaf, Inc. may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll-free, within Pennsylvania, 1-800-732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.

**VA** - The official registration and financial information of Dogs for the Deaf, Inc. may be obtained from the Virginia State Office of Consumer Affairs in the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Affairs at PO Box 1163, Richmond, VA 23218 upon request. Registration does not imply endorsement.

**WA** - The official registration and financial information of Dogs for the Deaf, Inc. may be obtained from the Washington Secretary of State's office by calling 1-800-332-GIVE. Registration by the Secretary of State does not imply endorsement by the Secretary of State.

**WV** - West Virginia residents may obtain a summary of the registration and financial documents from the Secretary of State, State Capitol, Charleston, West Virginia, 25305. Registration does not imply endorsement.

# Memorial Tributes in Memory of . . .

*Donations have been received in memory of the following people who lived lives of love, compassion, and concern for both people and animals:*

## If your donation was received:

February 1 to May 31  
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## Memorial will appear in the:

Summer issue  
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## Which is mailed in:

July  
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Marilyn Lewis  
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Steve Sheller  
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Rocca  
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Marcia L. Donoghue Trust  
Mary Ellen Bell Charitable Trust

Norma I. Cook Estate  
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Robert Andrew Anderson Trust  
Thomas & Geraldine Sobocinski Living Trust  
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# Memorial Tributes in Memory of Pets

*We would also like to pay tribute to those beloved, departed pets  
who have been remembered by their owners and families.*



Abby	Fel B., Merlot C., Dutchess C.,	Mack	Sadie
Abby Lynn	Shadow D., Sampras M.,	MacKenzie	Sadie Stair
April	Saffy M., Oliver M.	Maggie	Saimin & Shandee
Aynsworth Writin' In The Stars	Fidella	Maggie, Sammie, Travis	Shadow
Baby & Puppies	Fiona	Mochi	Shamus
Bambi Foley	Forest Kelley	Molly	Sheda, Frieda, Thor, Benson,
Blossom & Cinnamon Bear	Gage	Monica	CoCo #1, CoCo Weiler
Bone	Garbo	Mookie	Shoney
Boone	Gigi, Misti, Cindi, Ami	Moose and Boston	Simba
Brenda	Gizmo	Morgan, GCh Gaia Moonlight	Baron Sirotti
Bridgett	Gucci	Sonata SC	Trina Sirotti
Brig, Dawson & Monty	Gussie	Ms. Nellie Pleban	Willa Sirotti
Buddy	Hampton	Murphy Brown McCann	Sporty
Buster Brown Maryatt	Harry	Nicholas	Svenski and Vega
Cassie	Herbie	Oscar	T.J.
Chester	Hobbes	Otis	Tank, Chisel & Zeus
Chin-Chin	Jake	Otis Schilling	Teaka
Claire	Jesse	Patch	Teia
Clyde	Jolie Endsley	Petey	Toby
Cricket	Justice	Phyllis & Cinders	Topaz 'Toby'
Cupcake	Katie	Precious	Tracker
Daisy	Kemo, Lil' Kemo, Lil' Bit &	Prissy	Ukiah
Daisy Duke	Shadow	Ramjet HD	Virginia Cary Anderson and Teff
Dina	Knucklehead	Ricky	Walter Genauer
Doogie	Konya	Rocky	Willie, Gus and Sugar
Duece	Lady	Romeo	Willy
Duke Norwood	Lars Ruddel	Roscoe	Xena Leigh
Dusty	Lexi	Roscoe HD	Yodi Girl
HC Elbereth's Guardian Angel	Little Lady	Ruby Blakenship	
MX MXJ HSBS (Rafe)	Lucy Snell	Rusty	

## Obituaries

*It is with great sadness that we report the passing of any of the dogs we rescue, train, and place. These wonderful friends have provided many years of faithful service and love, and they will be fondly remembered by those who loved them. They also received a wonderful, loving life in return.*

- **FANCI** was the faithful friend and Hearing Dog of Joseph M. for 13 years.
- **RAMJET** served as Linda P.'s ears and was her loyal companion for 12 years.
- **ROMEO** provided sound awareness and love to Lucille L. for 16 years.

*DFD did more than supply me with a Hearing Dog; the DFD team and Cajun led me  
out of isolation and supported my return to a full and meaningful life.*

*Janice J., Oregon*

# In Honor Of...

*People and pets who have been honored by friends and relatives with a donation to DFD for a special occasion. These people and pets are very much alive, and the donation is honoring a special occasion or achievement. This might include birthdays, anniversaries, weddings, graduations, Mother's Day, Father's Day, Christmas, a special achievement, etc.*

## PEOPLE

Emma Ahlgrim  
Donna Albee  
Joan & Bob Allaben for  
Christmas  
Rosie Alleva  
Karen Alt  
Patty Bednarik  
Pat & Polly Bendle  
Marjorie Birk for Christmas  
Patricia Blanchard  
Josephine Blum  
Laura Bowser  
Afton Brabham  
Rosemary Brennan's birthday  
Larry Bresee  
Karen Brockett  
Mr. & Mrs. Neal Brockmeyer  
Joann Bullington & Ila  
Dayrymple for Christmas  
Dr. Michael Caplan  
Mr. & Mrs. George Carlson  
Dorothea Chandler's 100th  
birthday  
Laura Chase  
Candy & Pablo Clausell  
Cogitales Group  
Luana Corbin's birthday  
Corgitales  
Barbara Crank  
Jodi Cronic  
Gary & Wanda Custance  
Cynthia Davis  
Dorothy Delicate  
Bill Derry  
John Drach  
Ryan Duffy & Pippy for  
Christmas  
Mary Dufour  
Bud & Leila Dumalt

Ruby & Curt Edwards  
Marlene & Bruce Einspahr  
Mrs. Leah Evert-Burks' birthday  
Floyd & Virginia Farrier for  
Christmas  
Fern  
Roberta & Barry Finkelstein  
Bill Forney  
Arlene Freeman  
Myrtle Glynn  
Myrtle Glynn & Dory for  
Christmas  
Evelyn Grauman & Grace  
Greene for Christmas  
Mary Jane Haake  
Constance Harvey  
Tommy and Millie Herrschaft  
David Herrschaft, & their  
special canines  
Bob & Glenn Hogg  
Jeannine Hubbard  
Dr. Dalia Hunt's birthday  
T K Hyatt Bill Noonan  
Jo-anne & Bill Jeffries  
Joanne  
Marty Johnson  
Randy Jones  
Sue Jordan-Keliholokai for  
Christmas  
Matthew Josephs  
Barbara Kallman  
Art & Marilyn Keller  
Kaiya Kesselring-Bursby  
Ray Landes & Melissa McBrien  
Amber Marie Lawrence for  
Christmas  
Leashes  
Katharine Leighton  
Sophie Lewis  
Virginia Lindsey

Jackie MacHardy  
Ray & Maxine Maggard for  
Christmas  
Ross & Delise Mark  
Kaiewa Masuda to Thank You  
Dr. Melissa McBrien  
Marion McFee  
Carla McGonagle  
Lesley Millar  
Sam Millar  
Marjorie Monroe  
Gail Muldoon  
Mr. & Mrs. Matt Nelson  
U. Marcus Niemoller on change  
of career  
Hilda Nitchman  
Barb O'Donnell for Christmas  
Clifford & Pauline Oje's wedding  
Eve Pelletiere for Christmas  
William Perkins  
Olga Pinizzotto's birthday  
The Prestia Family  
Vanessa Rodriguez's graduation  
Cort A. Roop  
Beverley Rotert  
Ann Safley  
Maureen Sarle's birthday  
John B Schiavoni  
Glenn & Charlotte Schmitt  
Kathie Scott  
Jeanette Serradell  
Wendee & Bob Shuell  
Alice Silverblatt  
Megan Slis & Chris Lestal for  
Christmas  
Nancy Snow  
Laura K. Stinchfield  
Sally & Jack Stout  
Judy Strader  
Wayne & Mary Swanson

Heidi & TJ Tate  
Joanne Temperly  
Gloria Thomas's birthday  
Gary Tolin's birthday  
Dr. Sallye Toniette  
Dr. Martin Trerise & Staff  
Parkway Veterinary Hospital  
Anthony Tsappis' birthday  
Sally Vandervoort for Christmas  
Barbara Walker  
The Walston Family  
Betty White  
Mr. & Mrs. H. R. White  
Wayne Williams  
Steve & Cider Wise  
Steve & Margie Wise  
Bernie Wixon  
The Wood Family  
Anne & Ira Worden for  
Christmas  
Ziggy & Trainer Emily

## PETS

All the wonderful dogs we know  
and have known  
Annie  
Casper  
Cavendish's 3rd birthday  
Cookie & Snow  
Cory  
Jessie  
Ledo  
Nelson  
Lucy Oakman for Christmas  
Ollie  
Polly  
Reilly for Christmas  
Shirley

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**SALE!**

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- 100% polyester, anti-pill performance fleece
- Drawstring hem with barrel locks and shock cord
- Front zip pockets

**MENS** - Navy Blue Fleece Jacket  
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With 3 of each of the 4 tasty varieties in this 12-pack, your dog will be in treat heaven. PLUS You Bake 'Em donates a portion of each sale of You Bake 'Em treats to Dogs for the Deaf! How cool is that?

Bake these simple to make, wholesome treat mixes in your own kitchen.

The inspiration for You Bake 'em!™ treats is 'BC', a Collie mix rescued in Southern Oregon by owner Andrea Jansen. Desiring a healthy, happy dog, and a new hobby, she began baking BC's training treats for fun, experimenting with flavors and sharing samples with neighborhood dogs. Andrea focused on ingredients conducive to most, if not all, pets and developed 4 varieties of You Bake 'Em treat mixes.

**Biscotti** - made with whole wheat flour, peanut butter and a woff of cinnamon

**Vegan Treats** - zero eggs, zero dairy, zero meats - flavored with oatmeal, applesauce and peanut butter

**Biscuit Treats** - Gluten-free golden brown crisps with a hint of cinnamon

**Pretzel Snacks** - Gluten-free bite-sized nuggets topped with sesame seeds  
Easy baking directions for each variety come inside each package and are also provided on the You Bake 'em website [woofersandtweeters.net](http://woofersandtweeters.net), along with helpful step-by-step, color, photos.

DFD sells these You Bake 'Em treat mixes in packs of 12 (contains 3 each of 4 flavors) BUT you can purchase them in smaller quantities on the You Bake 'Em website or purchase them by the bag in southern Oregon at the following locations:

- Rogue Valley Pet - Medford
- Medford Food Co-op - Medford
- Ashland Food Co-op - Ashland
- Shop n Kart - Ashland
- Nature's Pet - Ashland



## THE BEST THINGS IN LIFE ARE RESCUED

This comfortable ladies long-sleeved t-shirt comes in two colors - eggplant with silver graphics and white with melon graphics. Our new "The Best Things in Life are Rescued" logo is on the front, left chest with adorable paw prints running up one arm of the t-shirt. Made of comfy 100% cotton.

CL BSTTHNGT EGP - (eggplant/silver)

Available in sizes M - XXL ..... \$33.00

CL BSTTHNGT WHI - (white/melon)

Available in sizes M - XXL ..... \$33.00



## KALEIDOSCOPE T-SHIRT

Seven colorful and happy dogs make this 100% cotton shirt fun to wear. Made from artwork created especially for us by local artist Jennifer Eufusia, and based on seven of our dogs, this Hanes Beefy T-shirt is an original and stylish way to show your support for DFD.

#CL KALEIDT Natural: Sizes S - XXL ..... \$24.00

## PLAYTIME T-SHIRT



This cute shirt has three adorable dogs happily playing and enjoying life. Their happiness and the bright four-color design are sure to make anyone who sees this shirt smile.

#CL PLYTMT CC - Charcoal

Available in sizes S - XL ..... \$18.00

## WILL WORK FOR TOYS & TREATS T-SHIRT

Show your playful personality with this fun, Stonewash Plum t-shirt.

#SL WWFTT STW

Available in sizes M - XXL ..... \$24.00







## ALL EARS TOTE BAG

This pawesome dual-tone shoulder tote with top zipper closure comes in 2 great colors - lime green and electric blue. The tote also has a front pocket with zipper closure and mesh side pocket perfect for holding a water bottle. With our great DFD "I'm All Ears" graphic on the front pocket, this tote is handy for travel, play or work.

#SU EARSTOTE BLU - Blue

#SU EARSTOTE GRN - Lime Green

15" tall x 17" wide.....\$158.00

**NEW!**

## TRAVEL TUMBLER

Enjoy your favorite beverage to go in this unique tumbler. The metallic mug colors are complimented by black trim and a shiny chrome top stripe for a truly in -style look. The thumb slide opening on the black screw top lid prevents spills and splashes when you're in a hurry - and we know because we did some extensive "user testing" here at DFD! Dual wall construction, including a stainless steel outer shell and a plastic liner, keeps drinks at optimal temperatures. The rubberized trim allows you to hang on tight! Comes in purple and red with our adorable "The Best Things in Life are Rescued" graphic.



#MC BSTTHNG PUR - Purple

#MC BSTTHNG RED - Red

Holds 16 oz.....\$15.00

## RAINBOW T-SHIRT

Wearing this fun and unique shirt is a great way to show your support for DFD. The black, 100% cotton Hanes Beefy t-shirt has a colorful rainbow print design.

\*color blending will vary with this rainbow effect



#CL RNBWT BLK Adult T-shirt

L - XXXL.....\$23.00

**NEW!** DFD LOGO CAP



*Back detail view*

100% cotton twill 6 panel "hugger" shape cap. Has cloth back strap with tri-glide buckle and tuck-in. Our new DFD logo is embroidered on the front with "Dogs for the Deaf" curved back vent embroidery. Comes in 2 different colors with 3 different front logo styles!

#CP BBALL KHA - Khaki cap/brown embroidery

#CP BBALL NVY - Navy cap/Aqua embroidery

#CP BBALL SPC KHA - Khaki cap/Aqua embroidery

One size.....\$19.00

## CORDUROY CAP



This cap has adjustable cloth strap with buckle & grommet, a pre-curved visor, and 6 sewn eyelets. Made of 100% cotton. Comes in Khaki with navy embroidery. *One size fits all*

#CP CORDBBALL KHA

Khaki w/navy embroidery.....\$19.00

Please continue to support the special work and mission of Dogs for the Deaf. Shop our internet store and order online... or use the order form in this newsletter.



## AUTISM PUZZLE KEYCHAIN

This beautiful keychain was made in honor of our Autism Assistance Dog program. Our logo and the words "Autism Assistance Dogs" are laser-engraved on the front and on the back is the jigsaw puzzle logo that represents autism. This elegant, weighty, high polish, "tag" style keychain makes a handsome gift. Silver plated – 1 1/16" x 2 1/2".

SU PUZLKECHN.....\$8.00



## 2011 DOGS for the DEAF STORY on DVD

We have a brand new video available telling the DFD story. Each DVD includes a shorter, 4-minute version & longer 20-minute version.

This is excellent for showing to your service clubs, church groups, etc. Available for purchase or loan.

DVD #SU DFDDVD.....\$15.00

## GREETING CARDS Artwork by Holly Herick

These stylish and colorful greeting cards are blank inside and perfect to send for any occasion. They also make great gifts. With original artwork created just for DFD by talented local artist Holly Herick, they are sure to be a hit. Each pack has 6 cards - 2 of each design.



SU ARTNCRDHH .....\$8.00

## GREETING CARDS – DFD Dogs

These full-color greeting cards were created with photos of some of our very own dogs from DFD. They come in a pack of 5 - 1 of each dog - with the dog's story on the back of the card. Blank inside, they are perfect for any occasion and are great to give as gifts, also... especially for the animal and dog lovers on your list.



SU DFDNCRD.....\$8.00

## GREETING CARDS Artwork by Jennifer Eufusia

These gorgeous greeting cards were created by talented local artist Jennifer Eufusia especially for DFD. They are based on some of our very own dogs! They come in a pack of 5 - 1 of each dog design. Blank inside, they are perfect for any occasion.



SU ARTNCRDJE .....\$8.00

## ATTENTION ALL CHEFS!

DFD's official apron has pockets across the bottom and is great to use for everything from BBQ'ing to crafts. This apron comes in Natural color and has our logo with the words "Everything Tastes Better with Dog Hair!"

#CL Apron 1SZ.....\$19.00

## SURE-GRIP POCKET KNIFE

This handy knife makes a great stocking stuffer! Fold out gadgets include knife, cork screw, bottle opener, scissors, and screwdriver.



#SU POCKKNIFE Burgundy 3" x 7/8" .....\$8.00

## DFD WINDOW CLING

This 5" x 5" static window cling shows your support for DFD and can be used on your car and RV window, or on any home or office window. It can be moved easily and re-used, unlike window stickers or bumper stickers.

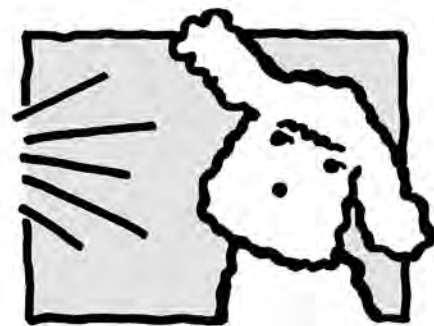


#SU WINDOWCLING .....\$1.00



Dogs for the Deaf, Inc. provides trained dogs free of charge to people with hearing loss and a variety of physical, mental, and emotional challenges. As a gesture of my support, I have enclosed my donation to rescue dogs and help people. My donation helps defray costs of this non-profit organization and helps make possible a trained dog for someone who needs its help. My donation is tax deductible according to current laws.

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*\*Please don't forget to include a phone number where we can reach you about your order!*

## ORDER FORM – Dogs for the Deaf Gift Collection

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**FOR FASTER SERVICE CALL: (541) 826-9220**

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email: [info@dogsforthe deaf.org](mailto:info@dogsforthe deaf.org) website: [www.dogsforthe deaf.org](http://www.dogsforthe deaf.org)

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