

PATRIOT ASSISTANCE DOGS NEWS



Rescued Dogs Rescuing Veterans

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Plan on...

Supporting Patriot Assistance Dogs by buying a raffle ticket or attending an event! The Quilt Raffle has 6 quilts, all with dog or patriotic themes. The Sport Raffle has a chance to win a Lifetime Paddleboard with paddle, a Weatherby rifle, a Benelli shotgun, a Ruger rifle, or two Fenwick rod and Pflueger reel combinations. Raffle tickets are \$10.00 each, 600 tickets per raffle so your chances are good! Patriot Assistance Dogs would love to see you at the yearly graduation ceremony, to be held this year on September 21 in Detroit Lakes. Sept. 22nd will be the Fun Shoot. Bring your own weapon or handle and shoot a complete collection of WWII guns, including a M1903 USMC WWII issue, M1 Garand, M1 Carbine, M1A1 Carbine, and M1911A1 Colt Pistol. A great chance to meet and mingle with fellow P.A.D. graduates and socialize your service dogs!

HOPE TO SEE YOU!

2019 Second Quarter Patriot Assistance Dogs Donors

Listed with gratitude: Am. Legion Auxiliary 6th District President's Project, Hackensack, MN. Am. Legion Post 357, Ashby, MN. Am. Legion Post 15, Detroit Lakes, MN. Am. Legion Post 147, Big Lake, MN. Am. Legion Post 187, Glenwood, MN. Am. Legion Post 20, Crookston, MN. Am. Legion Post 21, Moorhead, MN. Am. Legion Post 43, Faribault, MN. Anonymous, A. Jacobs, Bergen's Greenhouse, B. and P. Wittekind, B. and C. Brinkman, B. Hoyt, Boise White Paper L.L.C., Cambridge State Bank, C. Kroll, C. Hansen, C. Sames, C. and S. Wittekind, C. Hutchinson, C. and S. Hunter, D. Hjermstad, D. Alleckson, F. Order of Eagles 1163, Cloquet, MN., J. Vinje, J. Hagen, J. and L. Belch, Levy Family Charity Fund, Wayzata, MN. M. Edlund, M. Dohman, M. Freeman, M. Gleason, M. and M. Esterly, M. Boucher, M. Maier, Minnkota Recycling, Myrin-James Ironton Post 443, N. Trickey, N. and L. Clark, P. and L. Thulen, Pinewood Am. Legion Auxillary, Pinewood, MN. R. and K. Riedberger, S. Geiselhart, Silver View Chiropractic Center, Mounds View, MN. S. Anderson, River Golf Course, International Falls, MN. Town and Country Animal Clinic, Park Rapids, MN. T. Urich, Veterans Support Brigade, VFW Auxiliary Post 3922, Wadena, MN. VFW of MN Commander's Project, VFW Post 1731, Braham, MN, VFW of Wadena, MN, V. and C. DeSutter, V. Sames, W. and J. Brauch.

If we missed anyone, please know that we remain extremely grateful for your support!

BOARD BITS

MARCH, 2019

- Adopted the "Certified Professional Trainer" title for both trainers, "Bookkeeper/Social Media Assistant" for Dawn, "Office Manager" for Susan, "Administrative Assistant" for Roni, and Administrative Director for Linda.
- Board members discussed the future of P.A.D: location and plan of succession. There is a need for a sustainable source of income with solicitation efforts and fundraising.
- Board determined that 20 hours per week per trainer was not sufficient. Approved 30 hours per week each.
- Reviewed the criteria for a handler to become the owner of a P.A.D. dog. It has been set at a 2 year "probationary period." Effective immediately, the Board approved the following change: After 2 years, following successful completion of Public Access Testing, the veteran may apply for transfer of dog ownership. If, upon review of the application, it is determined that the veteran has not satisfied all criteria set forth by P.A.D. during the probation period, the dog will remain in P.A.D. ownership. The veteran may re-apply for transfer of ownership in 12 months.
- Assistance Dogs International certification continues to be pursued, in order to facilitate VA support and cooperation.
- Board was trained on PTSD by C. Hansen, M.S.W., LICSW.

APRIL, 2019

- Discussion of available dogs, as well as dogs who have been career-changed and can be adopted.
- Discussion of upcoming events at which P.A.D. will have a booth, or has been asked to speak.
- Election of Board officers for the 2019 year.
- Approved funds for both Paula and Sara to attend the National K-9 Learning Center's training course to become Certified Professional Trainers.
- Bookkeeper hours have been more than allotted- agreed to pay the extra hours.

MAY, 2019

- Board noted that a Fundraising Coordinator to keep track of fundraising efforts and seek regular supporters.
- Request to consider joining/ being taken over by Can Do Canines respectfully declined. Board felt it was important to continue our mission of using rescued donated dogs and as much volunteer time as possible.
- New Board members being sought. Board member terms and lengths of service to be reviewed by Development Committee.

CONGRATULATIONS!!

Completing training in the May class were:

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| F. Kilpela (US Army) and Keanu | D. Goetze (US Army) and Holley |
| G. Hausken (US Army) and Tank | R. Palomino (US Marines) and Blu |
| B. Cegelski (US C. Guard) and Apollo | G. Fix (US Army) and Buddy |

Completing training in the P.A.D. July class were:

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| J. Engebretson (U.S. Navy) and Kobe | P. Francois Sr. (U.S. Army) and C.F. Hunter |
| J. Selzer (U.S. Army) and Major | C. Strauch (U.S. Air Force) and Dexter |
| B. Wallace (U.S. Army) and Gabriel | |

Completing Public Access testing and Skills testing in May were:

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| K. Barrett (US Army) and Leif | T. Dahlager (US Army) and Haku |
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Completing Public Access and skills testing in in June were:

D. Reed (US Marines) and Glacier

G. Fix (US Army) and Buddy

S. Harmon (US Army) and Skye

F. Brownlee (US Marines) and Bear

G. Hausken (US Army) and Tank

R. Mattson (US Army) and Crosby

F. Kilpela (US Army) and Keanu

R. Polson (US Army) and Zoe

Patriot Assistance Dogs now has 182 fully certified teams!!

WATCH FOR IN 2019

August 13	Bark in the Park, West Fargo
September 19	United Way Community Celebration @ DL Pavilion
September 21	Serving Those Who Served Graduation Event, DL Holiday Inn
September 22	Fun Shoot, Becker County Sportsman's Club, D. Lakes
October 5	Airport Training
October 10	Clinic for Vets wishing to certify own dogs
October 21-26	P.A.D. Class
November 4 or 7	45 minute presentation to 20-30 people at DL Library
December 9-13	Class for Veterans who have qualified their own dogs

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