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News from Assistance Dogs of the West

Fall 2006 Newsletter

Recipe for Success



Eleven years of training, over 80 dogs placed with clients, more than 100 dogs in the program in total, more than 400 student trainers taught with an average staff of three over the years...what's the recipe for this success?

First ingredient: an amazing program founder, instructor and dog person named Jill Felice.

Second ingredient: a devoted working Board of Directors.

Over the years, the ADW Board included some astounding individuals. The energy they have provided in support of Jill's vision have helped grow ADW from one dog trained by Jill alone, to close to thirty dogs a year being trained by instructors and students throughout northern New Mexico.

The ADW Board has always been a committed group providing program oversight, operations assistance, and fundraising support. Through the years, the number has grown from three to twelve Board seats increasing in professional experience and abilities. Since the budget has also grown each year, ADW thanks each and every Board member for their part in creating this amazing menu of program services.

ADW is approached annually by agencies and institutions that want the dog training program and by

more clients asking for dogs. It is a tricky balancing act to manage program growth effectively, keep the budget healthy, and maintain high quality relationships and program delivery. Since the key ADW organizational value is quality, our Board works hard to support that on a daily basis.

Board members provide innumerable resources, such as financial contributions, contacts to friends and community resources, professional in-kind services, as well as networking and volunteer appreciation. They are puppy raisers, public relations experts, financial advisors, even bulk mail assistants, and always great friends. 2006 ADW Board Members are Kitty Ault—President, Melissa Winkle—VP, Pat Lewis, Tony Mark, Larry Tilley—DVM, Melissa Weiner, David Zeng, Carolyn Clark Beedle, and Jill Felice. There are three open seats.

This year, ADW also created an Advisory Council, to increase our community connections. The role of the ADW Advisory Council is to help advance ADW growth and development, influence, and professionalism through advice, contacts, and counsel. We are honored to have the following community members on our Advisory Council: Judith Newton—ADW Board Emeritus, Don Tishman—Santa Fe Real Estate Developer and Educator, Paul Margetson—Hotel Santa Fe, Ellen Kemper, JD—ADW Board Emeritus, Terry Brewer—Santa Fe Businessman, Brent Parker, DVM—Santa Fe Animal Hospital, Jennifer Green Harris—ADW Website Designer, SantaFe.Com, Ali MacGraw—Actress and Dog Lover. There are two open seats.

Since ADW draws students, clients, and resources from our community, we count on our relationships with each of you. Please accept our gratitude for your past support and count on communications encouraging more in the future.

Dog Days of Summer

The Summer Camp '06 Program brought ADW a wealth of new faces. Students came to us from Albuquerque, Santa Fe and Espanola. As many long term ADW students are getting older, it's great to see new students interested and signing up for summer and after school programs.

Summer Camp Program was held in June and July at the beautiful La Mariposa Montessori school campus. The school grounds offer ADW lots of wonderful teaching opportunities. Playground equipment and farm animals made fun obstacle courses that included cooing doves, clucking chickens, spitting llamas, and a few donkeys and ponies that were wondering what the heck was going on. There were zig-zag walls for the dogs to practice walking on and horses that had to be groomed. ADW Staff Instructors and Student Teaching Assistants find this to be such a wonderful spot for the dogs and students to practice. Thank you so much to Katrina at La Mariposa Montessori!



We hope to continue to gather new faces that will stay with us for years to come. The skill and experiences that the students (and dogs) gain is unparalleled and exciting. It's amazing to see what can happen when students, dogs and a little guidance come together.



Student trainers with instructor, Jodie Backensto at La Mariposa in front of Patishall Chevy Suburban.

Zander & Logan Doing Great in MT

Service Dog Insurance Coverage



Zander and Logan

This past June, Zander Ault completed placement and was the happy recipient of ADW Psychiatric Service Dog (PSD) "Logan". The hard work that went into receiving Logan was more than he or any member of the Ault family anticipated. They appreciated the training, instruction, and professionalism of the ADW process and realized how very lucky clients are who get ADW dogs for lifelong companions.

Zander is an active college athlete (Lacrosse among many interests) who also suffers from mental health issues. The greatest difficulty with his placement was personal—the need to face his disability head on. Ultimately he and Logan persevered successfully, completed their course work, and received Public Access certification, thanks to the support of the ADW team.

The benefits of Zander and Logan's commitment have already paid off. Together 24/7, Logan's support has given Zander a more sensitive and less defensive approach to daily life. Working with his mental health professional, he is attempting to reduce and change his medication. Friends and family have noticed a positive change in Zander's demeanor, confidence, and daily organization as well as reduced anxiety. Life with Logan has also allowed Zander to be more caring and compassionate.

Zander and Logan live in Missoula, Montana where they attend the University of Montana. Logan is an official member of the UM Grizzly Lacrosse team and will travel during the official spring season. Not only does Logan serve his master, he gets to support the whole team and loves doing so!

It is common knowledge in the service dog world that U.S. commercial insurance will not provide coverage for a service dog. State Departments of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) and Montana State Medicaid are the only known sources for benefit coverage available. With that knowledge, the Ault family lodged an appeal for insurance coverage for the Psychiatric Service Dog, Logan, placed with their son this past June.

In April 2006 an appeal letter with extensive supporting documentation was sent to Blue Cross Blue Shield-NM, NM Insurance Alliance, NM Medical Insurance Pool and the NM Public Regulatory Commission—Dept. of Insurance. Thus began a six month process to secure consideration for insurance coverage. Over 75 individuals and businesses graciously sent letters of support for this effort. It was a powerful indication to the NM Public Regulatory Commission that this is an area needing government attention.

The appeal was denied by all agencies, but the Ault's continued to persevere and complied with the requests of the Managed Healthcare Bureau Attorney as well as the NM Superintendent of Insurance. Additional documentation and letters from psychologists were submitted in hopes of receiving an External Review for benefit consideration.

Ultimately the PRC also denied the appeal. The next step in the process would be to take this to the Legislative level. This effort has educated ADW greatly about the process and the information



Logan watches patiently as Zander prepares the "grub" on their camping trip.

necessary to be provided. The community support and recognition won by making this appeal has been a huge step towards the potential of gaining commercial insurance benefits for service dog coverage in NM down the road. ADW now has knowledge and experience to support the next client interested in taking on the challenge. We thank the Ault's for their energy and determination.

FROM THE DIRECTOR

There is such enormous energy and activity and positive news at ADW, it is hard to know where to begin.

Many of you (750 or so) joined us in May for ADW Graduation at the Lencis Performing Arts Center. It was a huge success from all perspectives. Graduating clients and dogs, student trainers, volunteers, contributing artists, art collectors, and all attendees were thrilled. Thank you again to the Lencis for the wonderful space and to the Lewallen Gallery for all their generosity in hosting our Animal Shrine Exhibit. And a special thank you to David Ross for producing the ADW program video that gives an overview of our story in eight minutes.

We conducted an organizational assessment survey this summer (funded by the Santa Fe Community Foundation) and discovered some very important information about ADW. Our Donors, Volunteers, Clients and Program participants all give ADW above average marks for strength of training programs, client placement, volunteer program, market perception, and fundraising. Our Board was the hardest on ADW seeing many areas as average, but they are the folks committed to working towards most improvements. The two most critical areas identified for continued successful growth were improved communications and fundraising.

ADW has been increasingly successful with fundraising this year and would like to make note of some very generous donors. We received two \$15,000 total dog scholarships in the past six months, one from the Thaw Foundation for a rescue dog

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Director, continued from page 2 placement and the second from Jeri Leeds in memory of her mother Joan Kashkin. Wyck and Libby Patishall donated a pristine 1999 Chevy Suburban for use as a program vehicle, and the instructors and dogs cannot thank them enough! The support we receive from individuals is critical, and there are nearly 2500 people on our mailing list. We thank each and every one of you for what you do to keep us focused on teaching students to train service dogs for people with disabilities.

Our school programs are growing in number and student groups, which is great to see. Not only does this increase the amount of training time for our dogs, but more members of our community are exposed to the value of the assistance dog, and more fees (income) are generated. Summer '06 had students from Albuquerque and Louisiana (visiting with family) and Fall '06 After School classes include two days of open enrollment, one day at Wood Gormley Elementary, and one day for the Santa Fe Boys and Girls Club.

ADW Student Teaching Assistants work along with our professional instructors, providing support and a valuable teen perspective on the training process. Max Bennett, Ariel Frielich, Rabekah Reyes, and Vickie Wiener have been ADW student trainers for years and are Teaching Assistants this year. Stewart Youngblood (NM Academy of Science & Math) is another great student trainer and has done fundraising for After School program tuition and student scholarships. Taylor Thorne (at La Mariposa last year) raised \$2000 towards underwriting the program for her school. The community service delivered by all ADW students is inspiring.

Our Board members have been untiring in their efforts to uncover new sources of income and contacts for support. ADW has also recently created an Advisory Council and you'll read more about that elsewhere in this newsletter. Representing the ADW Staff, I thank you for your interest, your concern and your support.

CCB, E.D.

ADW Self Training

Some clients come to ADW with a dog of their own or a particular dog in mind. After these special dogs are evaluated for temperament and capability, they and their owners are enrolled in a self-training course. This takes enormous commitment and discipline from both owner and dog to complete the course successfully.

This summer, ADW received a grant from the Thaw Foundation to work with a rescue dog from a local shelter. Billie (a mixed breed) was found at the SF Animal Shelter and has been working with ADW client Sebastian to become an assistance dog with a seizure alert/response specialty. The owner self training classes are augmented with hours of one-on-one training for Billie and student teaching assistant Vickie Wiener.

"When Jill told me that I might get to work with Sebastian's new seizure alert dog, Billie, I did not quite believe her. After working with Assistance Dogs of the West for four and a half years I still did not know if I was ready to take on the job of being one of Billie's sole trainers. A couple weeks later Sebastian called me to discuss the project. He wanted me to do a lot of the socializing and some of the other basic skills training. We started in July, when we met and talked about what we would do. I joined Sebastian at the Self Training classes that ADW has for people who want to train their own dogs as assistance dogs. The instructors wanted me to watch Sebastian working with Billie.

After we figured out what skills Billie needed help with, I started working with her three other days of the week. At first I was a little unsure if she would be suitable as an assistance dog. She did not look like any service dog I had ever met: her prick ears, wrinkled brow, and tongue that was too long to fit in her mouth soon made me fall in love with

her. After working with her in various settings, stores, parks, buses and my house, she proved me wrong. She is almost always happy to work, she is enthusiastic about every task, and she is very sweet.

After working with her for almost two months, I started bringing her to school. Though at first she seemed a little overwhelmed with all the screaming teenagers, she soon learned to stay under the table when I was doing a lab and to fall asleep during the hours of other classes. She is becoming a member of our school community when she comes to school with me two days a week.

Though there are places around town that know me and my service dogs, I am often questioned about Billie. When she walks into a store she behaves as she should but her compact Akita appearance makes many people look twice. And though she wears her vest everywhere, I have been told more than once that pets are not allowed in stores when I have her with me. She is also much sweeter than many other dogs I have worked with and very keen to work.

Through working with Billie I have developed a friendship with Sebastian and have learned much more about training service dogs. A seizure dog has different needs than an assistance dog. Her training is not so focused on retrieves, though she does need to know them, but it is focused on being constantly sensitive to Sebastian and able to ignore all the interesting things around her when he needs her help."

When Billie graduates, she will provide ongoing service to Sebastian and his two young children. They all are affected by Sebastian's seizure disorder, and the loving support Billie provides will enhance the quality of life for her new family.



Puppy Raisers take a weekly training class and keep ADW dogs over the weekend to help socialize them.

Program News

The demand from clients, students and agencies for ADW program services accelerates on a weekly basis. To keep you posted on the most current recipients of ADW training and placement services, the services you help support, we are happy to share with you the following list.

- In school student dog training classes are currently held at Desert Academy and La Mariposa Montessori Schools in Santa Fe, serving 25 students.
- Daily vocational dog training classes for adult student trainers with developmental disabilities at Working Dogs at Adelante Development Center in Albuquerque provide resources to eight trainers, and ADW dogs also provide social therapy to more than 100 other Adelante clients.
- After school dog training classes take place in Santa Fe with student trainers 8-18. Santa Fe Boys & Girls Clubs students attend on Mondays, Wood Gormley Elementary School students work on Tuesdays, and students from many local schools work with the dogs on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Forty after school students are training dogs this fall.



ED Carolyn Clark Beedle with student trainers Bella Auger-Larsen and Vickie Wiener along with ADW dogs Doc and Gracie spend time with the public at Teca Tu Benefit Day

- Assistance Dog demonstrations are presented to student and civic groups regularly. Recent recipients have been two groups



Future Assistance Dog of the West!

from the Albuquerque Humane Society, Girls, Inc., Ghost Ranch, and many local schools. ADW staff and student trainers also participate in community awareness opportunities (NM Week of the Animals, Teca Tu Canine Culture Day, Zoe & Guido's Pet Boutique).

- Self training classes begin in October, Monday afternoons. Three to four clients and their own dogs.
- Discussions continue with NM Juvenile Justice Services to pilot the program with juvenile detainees in the Albuquerque Detention Center.
- Resource development is underway for Albuquerque after school sessions. Fifteen Albuquerque students are on the waiting list.



ADW News Barks

Chuck Jones Gallery in Santa Fe held an art opening for sculptor Todd Warner as a benefit for ADW. ADW received a financial contribution from the opening event sales and had two days of interaction with gallery visitors and collectors. Special thanks to Mike and Sharla McDermott for their generous support.

Volunteers continue to provide regular assistance with administrative, program, and fundraising projects. We are extremely grateful for their support.

ADW for the Perfect Gift



Whether it's a gift for the holidays, a birthday, the graduate in the family, or that special someone...think about Assistance Dogs of the West. You can go on our website at www.assistedogsofthewest.org and visit the ADW Web store. You'll find great gift selections from ADW logo apparel to unique African beaded dog collars, some fabulous Kristin Lora designed people jewelry items, and the popular Nito's Tale children's book.



Necklace and earrings (shown here), sweatshirt and collar (below) make great gifts!

You can also make a contribution in someone's name to remember a special event or a special individual, and we will send them a beautiful card or send you the card to personalize. These are great ways to streamline your gift giving and support ADW at the same time.

ADW can also accept Planned Gifts from your estate or trust. These are wonderful ways to provide ongoing resources to an organization you believe in, and create a living memorial. If you have any questions at all, please contact Carolyn Clark Beedle at the ADW office.



Graduation 2006: Thank You to Our Sponsors

Many dedicated companies and individuals gave of themselves to help us celebrate the commitment of our clients and their Assistance Dogs during the Graduation Ceremony May 2006. We would like to take this opportunity to recognize them.

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Your tax-exempt gifts can be used to help with the following needs and expenses:

For Students

Single Summer/After School Class Sponsor:	\$35/\$25
Complete Summer/After School Class Sponsor:	\$350/\$250
Annual School Program Student-Trainer Sponsor:	\$2,500
Annual School Program Sponsor:	\$30,000

For Dogs

Dog Treats for a Month Sponsor:	\$25
Collar, Leash, ID Tag Sponsor:	\$50
Balance Harness Sponsor:	\$500
Buy a Dog:	\$1,500
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Single Dog Training Sponsor (Name the Dog!):	\$15,000

For Clients

Individual Client Sponsor:	\$3,500
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Administrative Needs

Program Vehicle Sponsor:	\$25,000
Trainer Salary Sponsor:	\$28,000
Office Equipment (color copier):	\$3,000
LCD Projector:	\$1,500
Electric Wheelchair(s)	\$8,000 each

Any Amount is Truly Appreciated!

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ADW has been accepted into the Locals Care program, designed to help locally-owned Santa Fe businesses thrive, support non-profits with a sustainable revenue stream, provide an economic incentive for customers (YOU!!) to shop locally and recycle more dollars within the Santa Fe community.

Dollars generated through this creative community-building organization will be used to underwrite ADW student scholarships for summer and after school programs, opening the door to more Santa Fe community members.

When you receive your ADW Locals Care card, please use it at all the Santa Fe business participants to support them, ADW, and earn your own "community points."

Trainer's Tip

As a trainer I find myself constantly saying to our students and clients: **"Reward Your Dog for Desired Behaviors."** This seems to be one of the hardest challenges for many people, to praise/reward their dog consistently in a way that is actually rewarding to the dog. As you train your dog, consider this: a reward is only effective if the recipient finds it rewarding.

Here is a reward check list to remember while training:

1. Desirability: does your dog like it? Food, verbal praise, touch, toys, etc.
2. Pocket ability: can you always carry it with you?
3. Deliverability: can you deliver the reward with consistency and effectiveness?

Remember it takes a lot of training experience to get the most from a reward. A routine of rewarding your dog for desired behavior will give the dog everything it needs to want to repeat that behavior over and over again for you.



Working dogs at Adelante. Student Trainer Noelle with Howie.



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