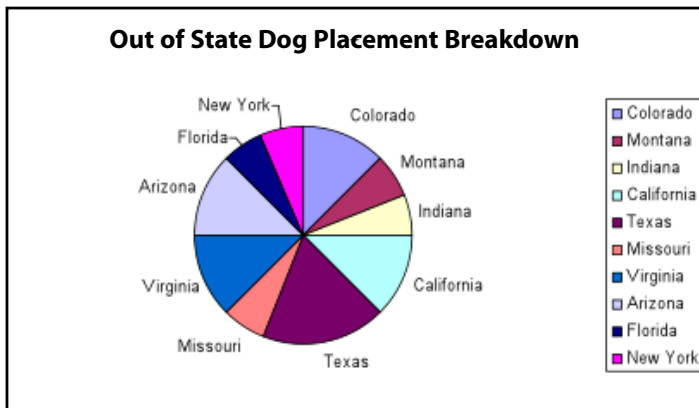
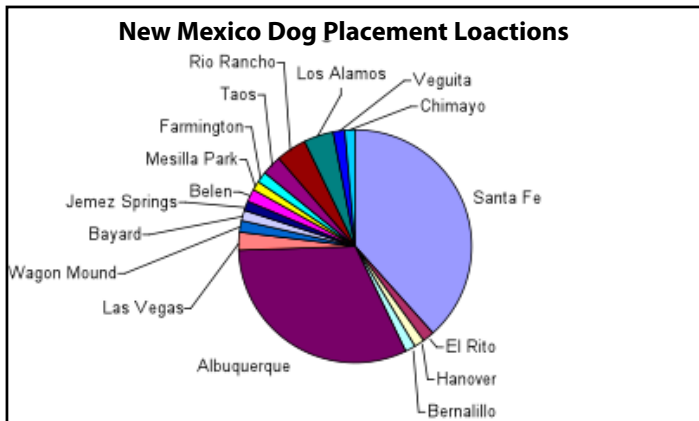


## CELEBRATE 15 YEARS WITH US!

### Where We Are

Since May of 1995 a little engine of energy has been chugging along in New Mexico, training dogs for people with physical, psychiatric and developmental disabilities. Over fifteen years, Assistance Dogs of the West has worked with hundreds of dogs and hundreds of people...working on making those perfect matches that transform lives forever.

Not every dog that enters the program finds the job a right fit, and not every person who applies for an assistance dog has the right energy and lifestyle to become an assistance dog handler, but about 150 great ADW teams have



been successfully matched, trained and graduated since Jill Felice started ADW with the goal to provide this invaluable resource to people in the State of New Mexico.

People often ask where all those teams are, so we thought we'd show you! In the simplest terms, 80% of ADW placements are in the state of New Mexico and 20% are across the United States. Our placement scope has broadened over time because at ADW we train:

- **Assistance dogs** to work in support of partners with mobility challenges from disease, accident or genetics

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### Parents Say

We got our dear dog Lola when our son Charlie was working in the program; they fell deeply in love and ADW knew she had to stay with him. Lola was an enormous gift to our family and demonstrates the ADW value of respect for relationships. You hear this all the time I know, but the program itself is one of the most fantastic programs I have ever come across for youth, as it truly helps them develop themselves. **Roxanne Knight**, Desert Academy parent 1998-2003

In June 2006, Logan, ADW graduate was placed with our 22 year old son Zander. Logan we can truly say has been one of the best additions to our family. Zander and Logan are terrific companions and lead active and adventurous lives, 3 years in Montana and now in Alaska where they go to work everyday at the Department of Natural Resources. Logan offers a constant source of calm, unconditional love and a confidence that enhances Zander's life every day. **Kitty Desert Academy 2001**



**and Andy Ault**, Santa Fe, NM

Assistance Dogs of the West offered my teenage son immersion in formative values; a service ethic and a skill set not available anywhere else. His involvement in the after school training program provided a structure that saw him through high school, cemented relationships with both adults and peers (as well as the beloved dogs!), taught him generosity and discretion and contributed to his acceptance at several high ranking colleges. The application of time and love through the training of these dogs changes the world. **Julie Bennett**, Student Trainer Parent, 1999-2007

ADW has given my two children more respect for dogs and people with disabilities, which in turn has given them more respect for themselves. **Rhonda Buffett**, current Student Trainer Parent

A few years ago my daughter Katie and I visited the school program for a day when we were considering an assistance education program. I loved the way the students became the teachers, the dogs became their students, and the chalkboard lessons shared weekly corresponded to the necessary knowledge to acquire while teaching and working with the dogs and to see the caring and responsibility that was shared by each of them. It was a joy to observe and then even more so, such a thrill knowing that this was all about helping to change someone else's life. Ironically, it was

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## FROM THE DIRECTOR

Caffeine and dog food...required daily resources at ADW. Keeping coffee cups and dog bowls full is a 24 hour a day, 365 days a year challenge. This year we celebrate 15 years of service. Getting here is the result of much wonderful teamwork.

In order to realize her dream, **Jill Felice** had to convince others to believe. From first Board members: **Tony Mark, Melissa Weiner and David Sontag** to first trainer: Wendy Volkman, to first school program at Santa Fe Prep...friends and "family" have continued to grow. And like any place, there has been continual change and the bitter sweet feelings that come when people move on.

For all ADW, thank you to everyone involved, and we'd like to recognize some major contributors over time. Terry Passelaqua and the staff at **Desert Academy and Katrina Holder at La Mariposa Montessori** provide fortresses of support. They know what the "dog program" brings to students each year, introduce us to their families, give program space and constant encouragement (which functions as spiritual caffeine.) Monumental instructor/trainer **Karen Thorpe** helped build the program, followed by **Kate Morgan and Kerry Borcharding** who learned from and contributed to ADW.

**Wayne Muller/Bread for the Journey, Owen Lopez/the McCune Foundation and Carlotta Baca** saw potential and provided foundation support and funding. **Barbara Windom & Victor Di Suvero, Roeliff Annon, Peaches & Eddie Gilbert, Nan Schwanfelder, Mark Kerr, Blake Emerson, Tamara Rossi, Nan Newton & Dave Grusin and Tom & Susan Simons** are some early and constant supporters. Past board members **Ellen Kemper, Dennis Rossi, Terry Ellis, and Judith Newton** helped build important relationships.

Student trainers **Rebekah Reyes, Max Bennett, Charlie Dampf, Chasen Nye, Eric, Victoria Wiener, Bella Auger and Galen Stoller** are names that will always be a part of ADW history. There are committed students and Youth Board members who follow in these young people's footsteps, learning and making colossal contributions every single day.

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## Staff Says

Working with ADW provides opportunities for many people to see dogs not just as companions or tools, but sentient partners in problem solving. Their countless gifts enrich our lives; we just have to be open to them. **Leo Abordo**, Instructor/trainer

Since I was a child I have always loved animals and hoped to work with them in some capacity. ADW has given me this opportunity and it has been more rewarding than I would



**Kyle and dogs**

have ever thought, despite the fact that poop disposal is part of my job description. **Kyle Lephart**, Program Assistant

Working with ADW is one of life's deep privileges. Experiencing first hand what our canines can accomplish; seeing the accomplishments of our student trainers; being part of a professional team who is devoted and smart; witnessing the match between dog and client—all of it is nothing short of miraculous. **Linda Milanesi**, Instructor/trainer

I came to ADW in 2001 thinking that I was just getting a professionally trained dog for my practice. Over the past 10 years, ADW has assisted me in developing a leadership position in the field of occupational therapy where we have become nationally recognized for animal assisted therapies and pioneering assistance dogs as assistive technology alternatives in the healthcare fields. **Melissa Winkle**, OTR/L

Working with ADW has given me perspective into the challenges and hardship some people face in their lives on a daily basis. Seeing clients and students walk in our doors with smiles on their faces, and seeing how much light and joy our dogs to bring to their lives is an inspiration, and a reminder how many miracles truly do happen every single day. **Liz Napieralski**, Admin Director

My work with ADW has given me the chance to live my dream of training dogs to help people. **Sue Barns**, Instructor/trainer

Working with Assistance Dogs of the West for me means....being inspired to work within an organization with common values and shared goals. Everyday I get to find creative solutions for commonplace and unusual problems. **Kristy Andersen**, Instructor/trainer

My job allows me the opportunity to make real positive differences in the lives of animals, people, my communities and myself ....one dog at a time. It is a quality of life versus a quantity of life. And it is filled with huge quantities of important qualities - commitment to integrity, empowerment of self and others, emotional and intellectual growth, spiritual meaning, and many expressions of love and its reciprocation. Working together we all do so much more than any of us could accomplish alone. **Jill Felice**, Founder/Program Director

I am proud to be part of an organization that so deftly balances the needs of folks with disabilities, student trainers and the "personhood" of our dogs. Our entire program revolves around finding and creating the best possible fit for both client and dog and that makes being a part of ADW a true win-win situation. **Anna Wilder**, Instructor/trainer

Working with ADW gives me a deep sense of community and the opportunity to see small miracles everyday. Whether it's in a student program, a dog/client match or when a puppy knows his first behavior by a verbal cue alone, it's because of working here that I get these experiences. **Jodie Backensto**, Instructor/trainer

Watching students learn life lessons and skills, nurturing their compassion and community service commitment is inspiring. Seeing and hearing the positive and loving change introduced into the lives of our clients by the gift of an assistance dog keeps me going. The ability to use my experience, skills and knowledge to work with a group of caring and committed people in support of such a valuable contribution to a kinder and more caring world is a real reward. **Carolyn Clark Beedle**, Executive Director



**La Mariposa**

# ADW Board Treasurer, Spencer Wright

Honestly, I became involved with Assistance Dogs of the West because I missed my golden retriever, Lucie. She is a great dog and from the minute we were selected by her to be her "people" she was always by our side. She has given me so much, be it a willing companion taking long walks in the snowy woods, a regular hiker to the ridge or a snuggle-buddy in front of a roaring fire.

My family has always instilled in us how important it is to give back to the community in which we live. I became interested in ADW primarily due to the education side of the mission, and of course the interaction with these amazing dogs.

A good deal of my professional experience has been in finance, analysis and business management. I have had experience with non-profit entities on the finance side of the organizations and hoped that I could offer something of value to ADW. Programs are, of course, the most visible part of any agency, but the nuts and bolts of control and finances are critically important to organizational sustainability.

I have learned so much about Assistance Dogs and the amazing bond that develops between a dog and their "person". The teamwork that grows between the pair is awe-inspiring. When I first came to ADW two years ago, I did not fully understand this process and as I have come to know more, I have been more impressed by the magic that happens – on so many levels – through the programs that ADW offers.

I have also been fortunate to serve as a weekend puppy raiser for ADW. After learning the beginning levels of the dog commands and behaviors from the supremely talented ADW trainers, I "passed" the test to be one of the valuable volunteers who really get a tangible gift in return for their time. Having one of these dogs in my life is a weekly treat and I only hope that I don't undo the hard work that goes into their training by students and staff trainers!

People ask me how I can do this, knowing that "my" dog will be placed with someone else in the future. Once you know these dogs and see how they work, you understand that your part is only a small piece of their larger mission – helping others have a more livable life.

ADW and Tori and Rivkah have certainly enriched my life and it is truly a privilege to be a part of the process.

**Spencer Wright**



Spencer and Rivkah

# Congrats to Recent Graduating Teams

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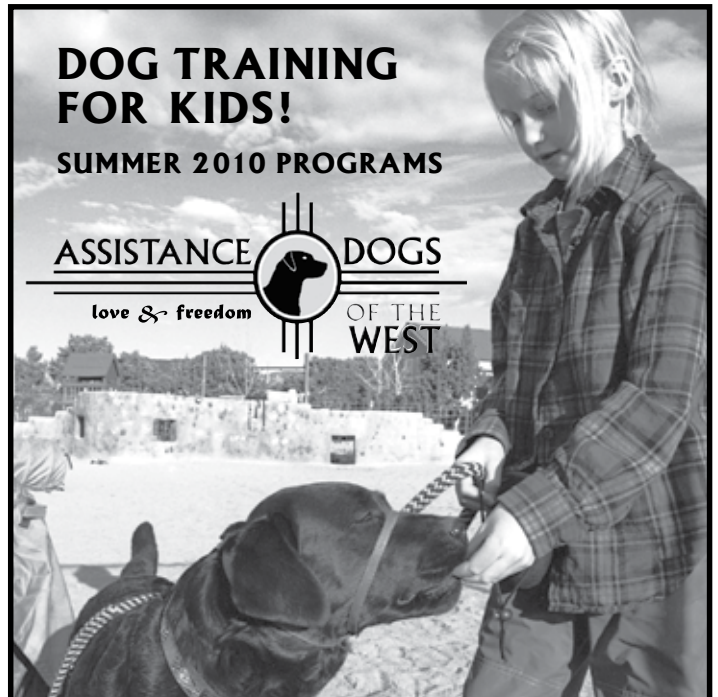
George Coleman and CAREBEAR

Jed, Tim and Laurie Ortmeier  
and JACKSON

Golden, CO



Jed Ortmeier and Jackson



Since 1995 Assistance Dogs of the West has been teaching students to train service dogs for people with disabilities.

We offer summer programs in Santa Fe and Albuquerque for students ages 8 through 18 in June and July.

Limited Enrollment. Call ADW to Register 505.986.9748 or visit [www.assistedogsofthewest.org](http://www.assistedogsofthewest.org)

# Program News

**Santa Maria El Mirador** student trainers are graduating dogs this year! Congrats to **Melody Sattell, Adhina Eads, and Veronica Herr** for all their help with Lily and Jackson.

**Citizen Schools** after school programs at **De Vargas and Grant Middle Schools** were extremely successful this year. ADW staff **Kristy Andersen and Anna Wilder** led student trainers through dog and life skill development, and their work was celebrated in giant **WOW celebrations** in both Albuquerque and Santa Fe. **Citizen Schools' Clare Rok** made a great video which you can see on YouTube. Link: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T2Ju6O53IVU>

After 13 years at **Desert Academy**, ADW high school dog class continues to be one of the most popular electives. **ADW Founder/Program Director Jill Felice** leads the training and there are constant visitors to witness the daily miracles of learning for students and dogs. Two of the **2010 Student Awards** go to Desert student trainers, **Estrella Flores and Alex Johansen**.



Amber, Capitol High School Student Trainer

**Rio Grande Elementary** after school class had some of the youngest ADW trainers this year. They made such progress, that **Aidan Daly, Hailey Tyra and Rianna Huertas** will be demonstrators on stage at the 2010 ADW Graduation ceremony.

**Santa Fe Capitol High School Special Education** student trainers have more fun training dogs than the law should allow! ADW instructors **Linda Milanese and Jodie Backensto** teach class each week

to joyful dedicated students like **Amber, Eric, Courtney and Yvette**.

**Albuquerque Dogwood** after school classes have intern **Teaching Assistant Raquel Moya** helping kids with mixed abilities to learn dog care and training. She can't go wrong led by accomplished **Occupational Therapist Melissa Winkle**.

**Owner/Self Trainer** applicants keep starting, working diligently and graduating under the guidance of ADW staff. **Sue Barns** leads the team, supported by **Anna Wilder and Jodie Backensto**. This intensive one on one training demands a great deal from the person and their dog, and we salute most recent graduates **George Coleman and CareBear**.



Betty

**Santa Fe Prep high school** student trainers get to visit each year with clients during Client Placement Training sessions. This year **Jaime Nolan and her daughter Caroline** discussed autism and its challenges to family life. The discussion helped students understand first hand what a dog they have trained will do to help, and allowed them to meet the family their friend **Zumi** will be a member of.

**Chimayo and Santa Fe Boys & Girls Club** student trainers are really lucky. They have programming all year long courtesy of ongoing foundation support from foundations such as **Laura J. Niles, SF Kiwanis, Helen Brach, Bettina Baruch** and more. Student trainers **Nico Cruz, Myalee and Kiyanna Vigil** will continue to work with dogs through the summer.

There are still over 30 dogs in training, despite the fact that **black Labrador Alex** had such a different skill set he has gone to work for the **US Border Patrol** for advanced scent work.

# Volunteer News

**Corporate America Values Skilled Volunteerism as a Means to Social Change (from Philanthropy News Digest)**

Increasingly, corporations regard workplace volunteerism as a means to effect long-term social change and are offering their employees skilled volunteer opportunities, says annual survey from **Deloitte**.

According to the **2010 Deloitte Volunteer IMPACT Survey**, 84% of corporate managers believe volunteerism can help nonprofits achieve long-term goals. Whereas 50% of respondents offered skills-based volunteer opportunities in 2009, 60% now report offering options for employee-selected projects, while 64% offer options that fit the companies' philanthropic focus. Top criteria for determining workplace volunteer activities include the potential to help mitigate a social problem, help a nonprofit organization function more effectively, help a nonprofit serve more clients, promote good corporate citizenship values, and enhance employee morale.

"Nonprofit organizations are not just looking for more and more people to volunteer; they are looking for people who have specific skills and can help them accomplish sophisticated goals," said Evan Hochberg, national community involvement director at Deloitte Services.

Check with your work to find if there is a volunteer program in place. You can do good work, support ADW, and often there are financial awards available



Algela and Thorpe

# Youth Board Profile

My name is **Isaac Green**, I have been working with ADW for over 8 years, I've puppy raised four dogs, and I've done just about everything I could with the program. I have worked with many dogs, been a teacher assistant, and taken lots of classes with the awesome trainers at ADW. I'm also a member of the ADW Youth Board, which is a group of teen trainers, teacher assistants, students, and citizens who care about ADW and work to improve it.

I started ADW at the age of seven. I had heard about it from school, and decided to take it as a summer class. I met a dog, well I met the love of my life, Claire, and I was hooked. That summer I became so rapidly involved, that by the end of it, I had convinced my family to let us puppy raise Claire. I still maintain that she is the cutest dog ever to go through ADW.

I have taken so many amazing things out of my ADW experience. It's a challenge to lead a person, but learning to lead a dog, who unlike people does not have the ability to communicate with you, is a challenge unlike any other, and gives you leadership skills unlike any other. I have learned patience, kindness, communication, and I've become aware of myself. Dogs pick up on your moods, your smallest movements and even your body language; an effective trainer is sure of themselves, confident, calm, and collected. ADW has helped me grow into the person I am today, without it I don't think I could have accomplished half the things I have been able to, and it is without a doubt one of the most rewarding experiences I have ever done in my life.

Before ADW I was shy, I had very bad interpersonal skills, I didn't care about school, and I was really headed straight to the back of the class in high school. ADW and the dogs were an integral part in giving me an interest in the world around me. ADW truly energized me. Some of my best friends, and lifelong mentors came to me through ADW. ADW also gave me ambition and purpose. I wanted to excel and do well in the program, and quickly that mentality came into other parts of my life. I am happy to say today, that I am an honors student, on student council, and that I am very active in many extracurricular activities, but none that I enjoy more, or that have had a more positive and lasting impact on my life than ADW. If I could give one piece of advice to kids, it would be this: no matter who you are, what background you come from, and what your strengths and weaknesses are, try ADW. There is no one who doesn't fit into the program, no person is too shy, eccentric, or normal to experience the awesome effect the dogs and the program can have on you.

ADW is such a great program because every part of it has an amazing impact on all involved. ADW isn't just about training dogs to help people with disabilities, though that is the final destination; ADW has truly morphed into a program that appreciates and utilizes the journey. The simple act of



Isaac & Eileen

helping to train dogs in an ADW class, has almost as much impact on the lives of the kids, developmentally disabled people, and volunteers that are in the class, that it does on the person who eventually receives the dog. Donating to ADW, one can be absolutely sure that no matter where in the program their money goes, it will have a lasting and huge impact on many lives. So I ask everyone who can to help this awesome program in any way you can, to do so. Please help ADW continue to have such an amazing impact on other kid's lives, just as it has impacted mine, and help us enable the dogs to continue to go out and empower the people they are placed with. Volunteer, donate, spread the word, send you kids, offer your specific skills, and help the program continue to grow and prosper.

**Isaac Green**

Trainer, Youth Board Treasurer, and ADW Teaching Assistant

## Puppy Raisers

**Emily and Don Hnath** are remarkable. They have been loyal, committed ADW puppy raisers for many years and demonstrate the perfect profile of the "best of breed"!! Emily and Don take an ADW pup while it's in training all weekends they are able. They provide love, care, reinforcement of all commands and behaviors for the lucky pup, and they know their support is part of the gift of a service dog to a person with a disability. Over the years, Emily and Don have shared their emotional flexibility with their "guests", handing over happy, stable, socialized service dogs every time.

We thank them for their stellar support and encourage others to consider the commitment. ADW Beginning Puppy Raiser classes are limited in size and take place twice annually. Contact the office for more information.



Emily, Don and Jackson

## Parents Say

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life changing for everyone involved; it was a true win/win situation, for sure. **Cyn Rentz**, Denver, CO

"Bella's work with ADW and the dogs has enhanced her self esteem tremendously and offers her steady, unconditional friendship. Candy, Dewey and the dogs she works with at ADW have helped Bella learn and acquire deeply meaningful and important life skills." **Stephen Auger**, parent of student trainer and client

I see how much my daughter's self confidence and self direction have improved since her involvement with ADW. You have given her so much and we appreciate and know just how much she would be missing out without your generosity. **Linda Reichert**, Parent of scholarship student trainer, 2009 ongoing

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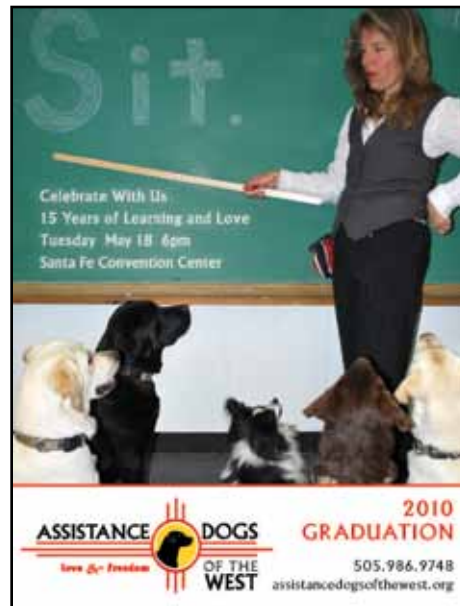
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## Students Say

By working with Assistance Dogs of the West I have become educated about what it means to have a disability and I have a greater understanding of how people with disabilities can benefit from having an assistance dog. ADW is bridging the gap for people who could not have as easily functioned in today's society. I am proud to have been a part of the growth in the new American life style that is shaping who we are as a people to this day. **Charlie Dampf**, student trainer 1998-2003

Whenever I have a bad day I can always count on Assistance Dogs to make me feel better. I love every single dog at ADW. **Nathan Korz**, 12, after school student trainer, 2010



**Hanna Pino and Twinkle**

13, student trainer, De Vargas Middle School, 2010

I've learned to be patient. I can't get angry around the dogs because they get more and more stubborn. When they graduate, I have learned to let go and not to be sad because it's the best thing that could happen. **Kaila Matthews**, 17, student trainer 2005-2010

Thank you for letting us take this class. What I like about this class is I get to learn new behaviors with the dogs I have worked with. It is really good to be in this class. **Michael**,

13, student trainer, De Vargas Middle School, 2010

The most important thing about dogs is to understand how they think. Dogs are smarter than people. Training with dogs teaches you how to convey what you want. It teaches me a way of communicating. **Galen Stoller**, 16, student trainer, 2007

"You have to be consistent and in tune with the dog. I'm a math tutor and I'm better at that now because of the dogs. Some dogs are good at some things, others struggle. Now I have more empathy with my fellow students." **Alex Johansen**, 17, student trainer, 2006-2010

In dog class, I have learned an increased amount of patience, a new sense of commitment, responsibility and trust. The easiest part of dog class for me is smiling. When I'm in this class, smiles come naturally. I find myself beaming when assisting/watching my dog Cami acquire a new task. I enjoy helping other students assist their dogs and themselves in learning. **Zoe Gibson**, 15 student trainer, 2008-2010

I have trained many dogs and each one is more different than the last. Candy inspired me to realize that speaking is not such a bad thing. Trout showed me my potential in life. Kayak taught me that patience is a virtue. Clifford showed me that by giving up when work gets hard, you'll never amount to anything. And Tetly and Claire illustrated that life can be much more than just work; it can be a great time. Being a part of Assistance Dogs of the West is an experience that I would not trade for anything. It is an astonishing program that teaches kids the value of responsibility for training dogs. But it is more than just a class at Desert Academy; it is a virtue to the client recipient and will enhance their lives. I know that it has enhanced my life considerably and I will be forever grateful. **Courtney Yates**, student trainer, 1998-2004.

## Scent Training Workshop



**Linda Milanesi and Tori practice**

ADW hosted seasoned scent trainer Rita Martinez, Clicking Canines, California for a spring workshop. ADW staff and trainers from service dog agencies across the US and Canada spent two days learning about and practicing skills necessary for scent training medical/diabetes alert dogs. The workshop also covered diabetes disease basics and created a community interested in sharing information about this emerging resource.

ADW staff are engaged in-service continuing education and training for this high demand assistance dog. Please contact the ADW office for more information about Medical alert/diabetes dogs.

## Where We Are

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(e.g. Multiple Sclerosis, Cerebral Palsy, Post Polio, Post Stroke, Accident, and Traumatic Brain Injury)

- **Seizure dogs** to respond to partners with seizure disorders and very often to alert to onset of a seizure event
- **Psychiatric Support, Social Therapy and Facility dogs** to work with individuals and/or client groups providing therapeutic assistance, defined individual or facility needs, emotional support and avenues to increased socialization (e.g. Veterans with PTSD, child victims in the court system, clients in psych, physical and occupational therapy practices)
- **Autism Support Dogs** to support individuals and families with challenges generated by diagnoses on the autism spectrum
- **Medical Alert Dogs** to work with diabetics to alert to dangerous fluctuations in blood sugar levels and provide required resources

ADW receives 40-50 calls each month from people looking for assistance dog support, and since not all regional organizations train all types of assistance dogs, we do receive calls from all over the country. Many of the calls are referrals from people or organizations that have previously worked with ADW, loads are from that amazing internet and a good number come from people who have met our dogs, student trainers and clients out in public.

# ADW News Barks

**ADW Program and Service Dog Access presentations and demonstrations** were done by staff, Board and student trainers for the **SF Civitans**, local assisted living facilities, **SFPS Resource Fair**, **NMTAP Annual Assistive Technology Conference**, **Enchanted Hills Elementary School**, **SCI/Disability Resource Clinic**, **New Mexico District Attorney's Association Spring Conference**, **UNM Disability Awareness Day**, and more.

**ADW Youth Board** members designed the **2010 YB Raffle** with some great prizes. They have been selling tickets at schools, stores and even the SF Farmers Market on Saturdays. These wonderful ADW "volunteers" really walk the talk of building awareness in their community. Big thanks to each of them...



Desrt Academy at Armory for the Arts 2005

ADW was featured in many local regional and national media outlets. **Albuquerque Magazine** did an article on student trainer **Raquel Moya**, **NM Kids Magazine** featured the educational programs, **TCPalm Florida** news told the story of client **Caroline Nolan** and **The Valencia County News-Bulletin** covered **Zipporah Gonzales** and her hunt for an autism dog. A second Scholastic story was covered by a **Scholastic Kids** reporter, **Jacob Schroeder** and **PetLife Radio Marcie Davis/Working Like Dogs** interviewed ADW Executive Director, just to mention a few!

**Beginner Puppy Raiser** class will start in Santa Fe in June **Intermediate Puppy Raisers** will take advanced skill classes this fall and **Experienced Puppy Raiser** meetings continue in Santa Fe on Thursdays from 5:45-6:45 pm. Contact the office with interest.

Thanks to **Victoria Price** and the **De Vargas Merchants Center Association** for the 2009 Holiday parties and financial donations. Special thanks to supporters **Jimmy**

**Economos** and **Bob Beedle** who have provided clever financial resources when times were tough.

Recent **ADW Staff In-Service** meetings have been focused on **Scent Training** and **Diabetes Education** to enhance training Medical Alert dogs for diabetics.

**Courthouse Dogs** are in training to work with victim's advocates in three **NM Judicial Districts**. In the near future there will be ADW dogs working in **Taos, Hobbs and Roswell**, providing support to children in the judicial system, managed by handlers trained by ADW and Courthouse Dogs. For more information see [www.courthousedogs.com](http://www.courthousedogs.com)

Thanks to **Ali MacGraw** and **Dorothy Massey of Collected Works Bookstore**. The holiday reading of **Nito and Chloe Get An Invitation** was a huge hit with local Santa Feans. Books flew out the doors.

**Senator Jeff Bingaman's** staff members met with ADW to discuss support to **US Veterans**. ADW waives client fees for US veterans, and discussions continue to begin

Assistance Dogs Training classes for US Veterans interested in the benefits this work can provide.

Intern/Volunteer **Denise Frank, LCSW** is working two days each week to learn the process of training and working with a service dog in a therapeutic practice. Her background includes using dogs in a treatment focused summer camp and her goal is to offer future ADW services in the Taos area.

Thanks to **SNIFF the Dog Movie** which came to Santa Fe and Albuquerque and made ADW beneficiary of video sales. [www.sniffthemovie.com](http://www.sniffthemovie.com)



Capitol High School Courtney and Dottie

## Major Donor Thanks

ADW is truly blessed with loyal and generous donors. In the current economy, we are honored and nourished by your financial and in-kind donations. The past 18 months have been the most difficult in recent memory for all non-profits, so our thanks to major donors are truly profound.

Again, **ADW Board members** have been stellar and creative in finding resources. **PJ (& Bob) Lewis**, leveraging relationships with the **Bettina Baruch and Ella Gayle Hamlin Foundations**, funneled \$16K ADW way. **Kay Kenton** donated a beauty of a BMW which **Spencer Wright** helped to sell for the sorely needed cash. **Derek Saunders** and **Peggy (& Doug) McDowell** continue to be right there when needed, and their donations have been not only major but timely. Thank you does not express the knowledge that our ADW "back is covered" by these dear friends.

**Karen Freeman** wins the creativity award for her contribution of ADW logo treat bags (see back page.) **Judith Newton and Sue Blackburn** created another magical **Nito** story which has a national marketing campaign with more of their support.

Relationships are key to ADW; we strive for quality. **Santa Fe Animal Hospital** and **Southwest Veterinary Medicine, ABQ** both provide superb care for ADW dogs with kind discounts. **Dogwood Therapy Services, & Me Therapy Services** and **Edie Allen and Associates** host ADW Albuquerque dogs and programs. **Oppenheimer Brothers Foundation** awarded \$3,500 and the **Cathedral Basilica of St. Francis Peace & Social Justice Fund** \$2,000 for the Client Scholarship Fund.

**Victoria Seale** donated an American Bulldog puppy and the full scholarship for training in the program, while **Linda Berkeley**, ADW Advisory Council and our great friend/breeder connection on the East Coast has engineered yet another great Labrador puppy donation.

We are extremely grateful for each contribution and all the support offered by our partners, friends and associates.



# Trainer's Tip

## The Lazy Way to Train a Well-Behaved Dog

We tend to pay most attention to things our dogs do that we don't like, such as jumping up, pulling on leash, eliminating indoors, etc. However, if you learn to pay attention, you will soon notice that your dog offers many nice behaviors each and every day!

The Laws of Learning tell us that Behaviors you reinforce/reward are more likely to occur in the future, so make use of this very powerful, and easy, approach to training a well-behaved dog. Catch your dog doing something nice, tell him what a Good Dog he is, and reward him for it. Some desirable behaviors your dog may offer include:

- Eliminating outside
- Laying down quietly while you read, eat or watch TV
- Giving you eye contact
- Bringing you a toy or ball
- Sitting while you prepare his dinner
- Keeping all four feet on the ground when greeted by people
- Coming to check on you (without being called) when on an off-leash walk
- A moment or two of walking nicely on the leash

**Tip:** Stash some small cups with treats in them in various rooms around your house (out of reach of your dog!) You will always be in a position to reward your dog when you catch him doing something you like. If you don't have treats at hand, be sure to reward with praise, petting and/or a fun game. Be sure your pup knows he has done something you like, and he'll offer to do it again in the future!

**Sue Barns, Instructor/Trainer**



Anna Wilder training Betty

## FROM THE DIRECTOR

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We see first hand how the people who receive ADW dogs appreciate the effort that 15 years of learning and love have produced...we hope our stories help you to share in the joy your support brings.

Thank you as always,  
Carolyn Clark Beedle

## How You Can Help

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

### For Students

Single Student Session .....	\$35
After School Student Scholarship .....	\$350
School Program Student Sponsor .....	\$2,500
After School Program Location Sponsor .....	\$15,000
Annual In School Program Sponsor .....	\$35,000

### For Dogs

Dog Treats Monthly Sponsor .....	\$25
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Buy a New Dog .....	\$1,500
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Dog Training Sponsor (You Name the Dog) .....	\$15,000
Emergency Vet Fund .....	<b>any amount</b>

### For Clients

Client Placement Training (CPT) Sponsor .....	\$3,500
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**Any contribution to CPT can help our clients**

### Administrative Needs

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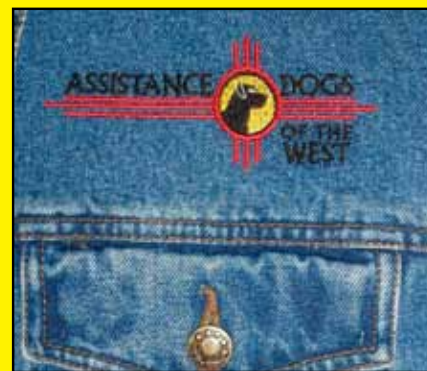
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# ADW Youth Board 2010 Raffle

The ADW Youth Board is comprised of motivated students who:

**Work** to increase youth involvement with ADW

**Generate** awareness of ADW within our community

**Fundraise** for the ADW Emergency Veterinary Fund

## **ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT ADW**

**1st Prize:** ADW dog to be named by the Winner

**2nd Prize:** 3 hours of private dog training with ADW Program Founder Jill Felice OR 1 free month student dog training classes

**3rd Prize:** ADW Gift Basket

## **Tickets:**

1 ticket for \$5 OR 3 tickets for \$10

Raffle drawing will take place at Assistance Dogs of the West 2010 Graduation Ceremony, May 18th, 2010 at the Santa Fe Convention Center

For more information or to purchase tickets contact ADW Office at (505) 986.9748 or [info@assistancedogsofthewest.org](mailto:info@assistancedogsofthewest.org)





Jane Bernard portrait of Alex

# Donor Incentive Campaign

As we all know, finances have been a real challenge for the past 18 months, and for ADW making payroll, paying the bills, keeping dogs fed, students training, and clients interviewing and getting matched with the incredible gift of the perfect assistance dog partner has been tough.

Creative friends...as part of our 15 year anniversary celebration...have partnered to help encourage more donations. **Through June 30, 2010** for every donation of \$300 or more, Jane Bernard Photography [www.janebernard.com](http://www.janebernard.com) is offering a free dog portrait sitting and one 5x7 print (\$250 value).

Our Board President, Karen Freeman went off and had a handsome ADW logo dog treat bag designed (ADW uses positive reinforcement training our dogs, and yummy treats are always a big hit...) and then suggested these be a gift to all donors of \$150 or more...

The idea of philanthropy and active, creative support of causes one believes in against the backdrop of today's economy...well it can't help but make you feel better.



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