



## Assistance Dog Club of Puget Sound

# NEWS

February 2017

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### March Meeting

Our March meeting is not yet determined But we will post it on our website or send out an email to ADC members

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The Assistance Dog Club of Puget Sound is a 501 (c) (3) organization. Our tax ID# is 91-2080563.

WA Secretary of State Charities Program Registration Number is 24995

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### Assistance Dog Club of Puget Sound Board of Directors

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### Editor's Corner

by Jack Pearce-Droge

The Assistance Dog Club of Puget Sound is continuing to plan for our events and activities during the year. One event that I have always enjoyed is an assistance dog fair. We've had several in past years and I have learned so much about the many ways that our dogs improve upon our standard of living and of course our level of independence. The fair will be held on Saturday, June 24 at TACID.



We have also scheduled a time for us to enjoy Tacoma's Light Rail. If you are planning to do some traveling by air take your dog on the light rail. The movement of the train is very similar to the movement of a plane and could be very helpful to your dog.

On April 22 we will be welcoming Kathryn Marxen-Simonson back to Tacoma so that we can learn more about the tasks performed by guide dogs.

We also encourage you to take a look at the information about the Seattle Kennel Club invitation to ADC to hold a booth and being available to answer questions about the role our dogs play in our lives. What stronger opportunity could we have to provide public education to an interested audience? I have published the information on page 8 and I hope that some of you take advantage of this opportunity and contact Sarah Biesold.

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**Activities and meetings will be held at TACID unless otherwise noted.**  
**TACID's address is:**  
**6315 S 19th St, Tacoma, Washington 98466**

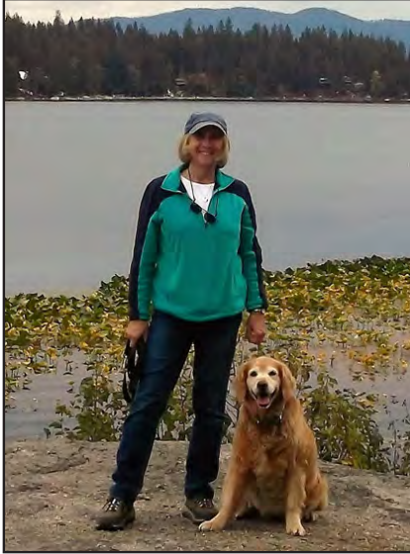
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#### Mission Statement

*The Mission of the Assistance Dog Club of Puget Sound is to provide a safe, supportive, educational environment for persons with disabilities partnered with assistance dogs and to provide educational opportunities for the local business community and the general public, including persons dedicated to the raising and training of assistance dogs*

## **President's Corner**

**Jeanne Hampl**



February 25th was a busy day. The ADC Board held its first Board Meeting of 2017. Then we drove over to TACID for a membership meeting and a presentation on the Air Carrier Access Act as it pertains to traveling with service dogs. I recommend that everyone reads and downloads a copy of the DOT brochure Air Travel with Service Animals.

[https://www.transportation.gov/sites/dot.gov/files/docs/AirTravel\\_with\\_ServiceAnimals-TriFold.pdf](https://www.transportation.gov/sites/dot.gov/files/docs/AirTravel_with_ServiceAnimals-TriFold.pdf)

Club members - be on the look out for the order forms for club logo gear. We will be ordering T shirts, sweatshirts and hats once all the orders are in.

Our Service Dogs in Residence and our Service Dogs in Vehicle decals will be available to club members at the March meeting. Club members can also order them by sending \$5.00 and a stamp self addressed envelop to Jeanne Hampl. E-mail me at <praise\_luke@hotmail.com> if you cannot find my address on your ADC Roster.

ADC will have an Educational Booth at the Seattle Kennel Club Dog Show the weekend of March 11 and 12th.

I am looking forward to seeing our members at our meeting on March 25th at 12PM.

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### **Future Meetings and Events**

**Mark Your Calendar**  
**2017**

This is our calendar of meeting dates for the 2017 year. The Board has begun to organize meetings and activities that were discussed at our annual meeting. Please understand that we normally meet on the 4th Saturday of the month. There could be additions or changes depending on the schedules of our speakers or the availability of a venue.

March 25, 2017 - To Be Confirmed  
April 22, 2017 - Kathryn Marxen-Simonson-Guide Dogs  
May 20, 2017 - Freighthouse/Light Rail  
June 24, 2017 - Service Dog Fair - TACID  
July 22, 2017 - Annual ADC Picnic  
August 26, 2017 - No Meeting (Summer Break)  
September 23, 2017 - To Be Confirmed  
October 28, 2017 - Annual Membership Meeting  
November 25, 2017 - Off! Happy Thanksgiving!!  
December 9, 2017 - Holiday Celebration

## **Training Tips**

### **Planes, Trains and Automobiles**

By Jeanne Hampl



According to The Americans with Disabilities Act as well as the Air Carrier Access Act a person with a disability has the right to be accompanied by a fully trained service animal on all public transit and airplanes. The question is how do you train a potential service dog to ride on planes, trains, buses, taxis and automobiles?

The foundation behaviors necessary for a dog to ride comfortable are a down stay, a tuck, a backup and feeling secure when separated from a handler. In years past Guide Dogs were trained to ride quietly in a car in the foot space of their handler. Now that front seats are equipped with air bags that position is no longer considered safe for a dog if the handler chooses to ride in the passenger seat. I prefer to see all service dogs safely seat belted in a harness on the back seat.

While there are always concerns about a dog being injured in a car crash my biggest concern is a well meaning rescuer opening the car door and a scared or injured dog jumping out on to the road way. Since many disabled persons drive their own cars, their service dogs should be secured in the car. Potential service dog candidates need to be trained to accept a car restraint and to lie quietly on the back seat or rear foot space of a car. When riding in a Taxi the dog needs to be familiar with riding at their handler's feet.

Traveling by bus presents it's own training issues. Not only does the dog need to be trained to lie or sit quietly at its owner's feet it must also be able to be handled by the bus driver. In Pierce County, WA service dogs are not allowed on the wheel chair lift. So while the handler is being loaded into the bus the service dog must sit quietly by the driver while the handler is loaded. The dog is then brought into the bus and reunited with the handler. A dog that fusses, whines, barks or pulls toward the handler is considered untrained and not allowed on the bus. A dog must also learn that obedience doesn't end when a handler is out of sight. Separation issues are both a training problem and a behavior problem. A dog needs to be taught to stay quietly with a friendly stranger if the owner hands the leash off to that person. A trained dog needs to have both a good Sit and Down Stay. It should obey no matter if someone other than the owner is holding the leash or standing by the dog. Most local transit companies have disability trainers that will work with people with disabilities. I recommend handlers avail themselves of these training opportunities.

Planes and trains have their own training challenges. I train the dogs to back into the aisle. They then wait until the handler is seated and then move into the handler's foot space. Department of Transportation requires service dogs to be on the floor in the handler's space. I teach the back up between two rows of chairs set up to resemble a row of airline or train seats. If a dog is sent into a row they will be facing the wall. In order to turn around, the dog will put their front paws on the seat. Teaching a dog to back in eliminates that behavior. Bringing the dog's pad will also help a dog settle down on the floor at his handler's feet.

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Airline travel also presents some unique situation. The dog will have to go through security. I recommend backpacks be taken off the dog and be put through the scanner. If the handler and dog walk through the people scanner together they will both have to be checked with a hand wand. If the dog is taught a Sit Stay the handler can go through and then call the dog to them. That does not work for all disabilities as the dog may be needed to guide or for balance. A service dog must be taught to be comfortable when a stranger goes over them with a security wand or when being patted down. . Unfortunately with tightened security getting permission to train at an airport is difficult. A service dog also needs to be calm around other dogs. Airport security is using more narcotic, fruit and explosive detection dogs at the airports. No matter how the airport dogs behave a service dog must ignore the security dogs.

Whether a person with a disability is traveling for work or pleasure their service dog must be trained to accept the noise, small spaces and the hustle and bustle of travel.

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### **ACVO® and Stokes Pharmacy's 10th Annual Eye Exam Event**

The 10th Annual ACVO/StokesRx National Service Animal Eye Exam Event will take place in veterinary clinics from May 1-31, 2017. The event was originally prompted by ACVO's recognition that many of its board-certified ophthalmology specialists were providing free eye exams across the country. By expanding on these individual events and creating the annual event in 2008, the ophthalmologists have been able to perform more than 52,000 free eye exam screenings – 7,400 in 2016 alone.

#### **HOW TO REGISTER FOR THE 2017 EVENT:**

To qualify, Service Animals must be “active working animals” that were certified by a formal training program or organization, or are currently enrolled in a formal training program. The certifying organization could be national, regional or local in nature. More qualification details are available. Owners/agents for the animal(s) must FIRST register the animal via an online registration form beginning April 1 at [www.ACVOeyeexam.org](http://www.ACVOeyeexam.org). Registration ends April 30. Once registered online, the owner/agent will receive a registration number and will be allowed access to a list of participating ophthalmologists. Then, they may contact a specialist to schedule an appointment, which will take place during the month of May. Times may vary depending on the facility and are filled on a first-come, first-served basis, so owners/agents are encouraged to register and make appointments early.



***Disability Boxes***  
*by Veronica Sanchez*  
*Northern Virginia Dog Trainer*



*Veronica and Sulu*

When I talk to trainers about working with service dogs, they often ask about a specific type of service dog. For instance, dogs for people with PTSD or Parkinsons. And as we talk about selecting tasks, we do tend to think about specific categories of service dogs such as mobility dogs, hearing dogs, guide dogs. In reality however, people don't fit neatly into boxes. This is especially true of owner-trainers, people training their own dog for service work. It's not uncommon for owner-trainers to have chosen this path because they could not find a program that would provide a service dog for their highly specialized needs.

Some cases seem more "obviously" to be expected to go together, for instance, a veteran injured in war might have PTSD and also a mobility impairment. A person with a Traumatic Brain Injury may have behavioral and emotional issues as well as physical challenges. Other secondary conditions are more subtle in their association. For instance, someone with paraplegia may develop arthritis in their hands or shoulders from pushing a manual wheelchair for many years. Sometimes people are impacted by two totally unrelated disabling conditions at the same time for no reason at all.

Many health conditions may directly or indirectly lead to depression in some individuals. For example, Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disorder, Parkinsons, Lupus, Multiple Sclerosis. Of course, not everyone who has these conditions is depressed, and many people with disabilities are happy. That said, there can be overlap for some individuals. There is a growing body of research exploring the association of psychological trauma with physical health.

It's hard to know what comes first here, the chicken or the egg, and probably does not matter too much as far as service dog training is concerned. What does matter is that we need to keep in mind that secondary conditions impact the training of the dog and task selection. Be careful not to make assumptions, the way one person is impacted by a diagnosis can be very different from the way another is by the very same diagnosis.



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I've already talked about the importance of collaborating with the client's healthcare professional when it comes to task selection. However, I like to also encourage my clients to look not just at lists of tasks pertaining to their "category" of service dog. There may be tasks trained to other types of service dogs that can be helpful to them. Additionally training accommodations that we think of fitting into one category may well apply to another as well.

If you are a pet dog trainer interested in learning how to train service dogs and you want to learn more, we are accepting applications for our Service Dog Coaching Program now. The deadline is coming up fast – March 20. Details are online.

Happy training!

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*Veronica Sanchez M.Ed. CPDT-KA, CABC is a professional dog trainer in Northern Virginia. She helps people train pets, service and therapy dogs. She also is a person with a disability and her smooth collie, Sulu, assists her as a service dog. Veronica started training dogs professionally in the 1990's. She has degrees in education, psychology as well as dog trainer certifications. Her experience ranges from training pets, competition, service and therapy dogs to speaking to explosive detection dog trainers. Veronica is guided by her love for helping dogs and people learn together.*

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## Support ADC While You Shop

If you are interested in supporting the Assistance Dog Club of Puget Sound there are a few options that are available to you! ADCPS has entered into a partnership with both Amazon.com and Fred Meyer. If you would like more information about both options offered by these two corporation you will find it on ADC's website, [<http://www.assistedogclub.org/home/support>] complete with links that will guide you through the process.



**An Exciting Opportunity!**  
**Assistance Dog Club of Puget Sound Educational Booth**  
**Seattle Kennel Club Dog Show**

*Saturday, March 11, 2017 to Sunday, March 12*  
*CenturyLink Field Event Center*  
*1000 Occidental Ave, Seattle, WA*

Sarah Biesold has arranged for the Assistance Dog Club to have an educational booth available at the Seattle Kennel Club Dog Show this year. We are asking members to participate by manning our booth and talking with visitors about assistance dogs and their role in the lives of people with disabilities.



Each booth will be judged on overall presentation, design, educational materials/handouts and more. Three judges will evaluate each booth between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. each day with prizes being awarded by 4 p.m. Our most important role however will have to do with the provision of education to other visitors. This promises to be an enjoyable event for the sharing of information about our dogs.

An information sheet provided by Sarah Biesold will be sent out to all members who wish to join us at our booth for this exciting event and opportunity.

**Cost:** No cost to you to participate. The club will pay for your parking in the covered lot, as well as entry into the show. You will however, need to pay for these items out of your own pocket, and then send the reimbursement form to the club.

**What we'll be doing:** Please bring your friendly dogs and be ready to answer questions! We will have handouts at the table helping to explain what our club does, and how people can participate.

**To Bring:** Your friendly dog, crate (if needed), dog treats, water and bowl.

**Sign up to volunteer:** To sign up for the event, please pick a day and time that you are available to participate. I have blocked the sign-up sheet into to half days, as well as a full day option. However, if you are only able to participate for a lesser amount of time, please let me know and we can re-adjust.

**Contact Sarah at** <woof@riverdogk9.com> to let her know that you can attend and get any additional information that might be helpful.

## ***Informational Websites On Behalf of Service Dogs***

Given that the partnership of a person with a disability with an assistance dog is governed by legal requirements it is beneficial that each of us have access to as much material as possible. The discussions at the January meeting included suggestions that can be misleading, inaccurate or legally correct and helpful. It is critically important that each of us become our own best advocate.

Here are some websites that are accessible to you that will provide you with valuable information. Many of these websites are also available on ADC's website on the Favorite links page. The link for our website is: <http://www.assisteddogclub.org/home>

Legal Description of Service Dogs: [http://www.ada.gov/regs2010/service\\_animal\\_qa.html](http://www.ada.gov/regs2010/service_animal_qa.html)  
[http://www.ada.gov/service\\_animals\\_2010.htm](http://www.ada.gov/service_animals_2010.htm)

Legal Clarification on Rules for Assistance Dogs: <http://www.workinglikedogs.com/2011/03/u-s-department-of-justice-rules-on-assistance-dogs-to-become-stricter-march-15-2011/>

Medical information: <http://www.mayoclinic.org/diseases-conditions>

Veterinary questions: <http://www.merckvetmanual.com/pethealth/index.html>  
<http://www.carecredit.com/vetmed/> (credit card for veterinary care, people have 1 year to pay, use it if you have no other credit card for emergency surgery.)

Service Dog Information: <http://www.iaadp.org>  
<http://www.assisteddogsinternational.org>  
<http://www.servicedogcentral.org/content/>  
<http://www.assisteddogclub.org/>

Service Dog Gear: <https://www.bridgeportequipment.com>  
<https://www.sitstay.com/>  
<http://www.boldleaddesigns.com>  
<http://www.kurgo.com/>

Service Dog Training: <http://www.lakeerieassisteddogs.org/>  
<http://www.cooperativepaws.com>  
<http://www.riverdogk9.com/>

Also remember that the Assistance Dog Club has a facebook page:  
<https://www.facebook.com/Assistance-Dog-Club-of-Puget-Sound-155317554486927/>  
Be sure to friend us for the latest information about all things service dog.

Additional Information: <http://www.anythingpawsable.com/>  
<http://www.allthingspawssible.com/>