



Assistance Dog Club of Puget Sound

NEWS

January 2019

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ADC will be meeting next on February 23 at TACID from 12:00 to 3:00

TACID's address is 6315 S. 19th St., in Tacoma, WA on the 4th Saturday of the month. We'd love to have you join us.

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Assistance Dog Club of Puget Sound Board of Directors

New Board Members were nominated at the October meeting. They are:

President: Jack Pearce-Droge
V. President: Shay Larsen
Secretary: Janelle Ellen
Treasurer: Jean Sullivan
At-Large: Connie Fuller

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Editor's Corner

by Jack Pearce-Droge

Would a Service Dog Be Helpful To Me Now?

The January meeting was designed as a time for members to talk with one another about what may have encouraged them to think of being partnered with a service dog. Other questions that we posed were with a discussion of the needs, personal diagnosis (any change) of the individual. What exactly can a dog do for me that would be helpful? Is it expensive to have a SD? What are the laws related to SDs and where do I find them? Who would train a new SD or would I have to do it myself? How do I discover training books and what kind of equipment should I



use? The discussion was very interesting. We have members now who either have their first service dog or have a new service dog that is not their first.

Three of our members contributed some of their thoughts to this newsletter and to our readers. We hope that their comments will reach out to you, our readers as it is important that we continue to ask these questions given the time that our dogs work and the fact that over time our disabilities will change.

ADC is in the process of putting our 2019 calendar together. We hope to enjoy some field trips and welcome some speakers to join us. We are interested in developing an interesting and informative year.

Activities and meetings will be held at TACID unless otherwise noted.

TACID's address is:

6315 S 19th St, Tacoma, Washington 98466

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

Training Tips Begin With Books By Jeanne Hampl



So often I talk with or e-mail people who want to start training a dog to be a service dog and just don't know where to begin. I am a big reader. The reading can take the form of books, my first choice, and the internet. The problem with the internet is that it is difficult to sort out fact from opinion from fiction. I find books a more reliable source of information. Over the years very little has been published on the selection and training of assistance dogs. Fortunately the choices have increased.

Teamwork (1997) and Teamwork II (1998) by Nordensson and Kelley was written for the owner trainer and is definitely as the extended title say: A Dog Training Manual for People with Disabilities. Book one is basic obedience and book two service exercises. These two books now also on DVD should be in any service dog trainer or handler's library.

Lend Me an Ear (1999) by Martha Hoffman is an excellent book on the temperament, selection, and training of a hearing dog. The book is currently out of print but might be available used or from the library. *Lend Me an Ear* has the best list of breed characteristics as well as ways to test shelter and rescue dogs.

The second edition of "*Partners in Independence: A Success Story of Dogs and the Disabled,*" (2004) by Ed and Toni Eames, will be of interest to those who want to understand more about dogs partnered with people who have disabilities.

The book covers a wide range of information about assistance dogs to people with disabilities. You'll find legal information, insights into life with various disabilities and how dogs can help, and a great deal of the history of dogs assisting people with disabilities. You'll also read warm stories, travel tales, some of the politics of the disability rights movement, and etiquette of how to help (and how not to try to help) a person with a disability you encounter in public.

Working Like Dogs: The Service Dog Guidebook (2007) by Davis and Brunnell explores all aspects of being partnered with an assistance dog including working with a program as well as the trials of retirement and successor dogs.

A Dog Who's Always Welcome (2008) by Lorie Long focuses on how Assistance and Therapy Dog Trainer's socialize and train their young dogs. This book is a must for new owner trainers or puppy raisers. Don't let the fact that it was written for companion dogs to put you off. It does have misinformation on page 9 under Public Access re the ADA. It says that the ADA allows SDITs and we all know that the ADA does not speak to SDIT's and any provisions for them are made in State Law.

Healing Companions (2010) by Jane Miller is a newly release book that focus on service dogs that assist people with psychiatric disabilities. Temple Grandin states:" This book should be required reading for everybody who is considering getting a psychiatric service dog or is working on training them". The book is part memoir, part case histories and part information about service dogs for person with psychiatric disabilities. The last one hundred pages of the two hundred and fifty five page book contain multiple appendixes as well as glossary and resources. The book has an excellent appendix section. Appendix 5, Assistance Dog Tasks is written by Joan Froling. While written for persons with psychiatric disabilities, *Healing Companions* contain important information for a person with any type of disability looking for information on assistance dogs.

Read! Learn! Enjoy! Your assistance dogs and assistance dogs in training will thank you.

Service Dog Equipment

By Jeanne Hampl



1) Active Dogs. Vests, metal and plastic engraved tags. The products are good quality and the prices are about average for this type of item. They have a really good selection of vinyl stickers for car windows that say “service dog inside,” etc. type “service dog decal” into the search box on the page and it will come up with about a dozen different selections.

<http://www.activedog.com>

2. Bold Lead Designs. Wheelchair leashes and attachments, custom mobility harnesses. Now available in either leather or a very soft vegan substitute. They now have several different wheelchair attachment designs for various needs, as well as an ever expanding choice of leash and harness options. They also have a good selection of Martingale collars. The products are expensive, but worth it for many people if you can afford it. The new vegan line tends to run about 20% less than the leather options.

<http://www.boldleaddesigns.com>

3. Bridgeport K9 Equipment. Leather and Nylon Service Dog harnesses and leashes

<https://bridgeportk9equipment.com/>

4. Ears and Tail. Specialty service dog equipment, including capes, nylon leashes in various designs, door opener Pull straps, retrieve straps (Small lengths of nylon leash for attaching to phones, keys, Tablets, or anything that you want the dog to be able to retrieve more easily), blanket pull strap tablets, or anything that you want the dog to be able to retrieve more easily), blanket pull strap (for making the bed or for interrupting nightmares), Etc. most products made in the USA. Founded by a man who was an equipment designer for one of the major service dog programs in the US, what makes these products stand out is their exceptional design and their low-cost. These are very practical products that work ergonomically well for the dog.

<http://www.earsandtail.com>

5. Etsy. Patches, Bandannas, Capes, Leashes, Window Stickers. In the last few years many Etsy sellers have added custom service dog items, some of excellent quality. If you need a soft braided fleece leash, interesting or unusual patches, a sweatshirt that says “service dog trainer,” even a car window sticker that says “service dog on board, do not separate from owner,” Etsy is a good place to look, often at very reasonable prices. Just search for “service dog.” Sometimes the designers either have a service dog themselves or have someone in the family who does, and have designed items for their own use which they then replicate for sale.

<http://www.etsy.com>

6. Har-Vest is the only 3-in-1 backpack for dogs. It no-pull harness combined with a great backpack with two zippered pockets, an ID badge holder and a handle. When fitted snugly, Har-Vest also calms your dog.

It features fully removable and adjustable straps and a well-made and durable vest. Har-Vest is suited for dogs of all sizes and comes in 6 colors. For more information, visit www.abetterpet.com

7. Pet Expertise. Dog training items selected by a professional trainer, not service dog specific. Training items, from tethers to automated treat dispensers. Also pouches, clickers, muzzles, target sticks, and lots and lots of puzzle toys.

<http://www.petexpertise.com>

8. SitStay. Capes and patches. They are a good source for capes and quality Velcro patches. In particular, they have two items which people often ask about: capes for very small dogs, and hot weather capes which are mesh on the sides but regular fabric on the top. They have added more items in both of these lines in the last couple of years, including an XX-small size for dogs with 10 inch to 14 inch girth measurements, typically Yorkies and mini Chihuahuas.

<http://www.sitstay.com>

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2019 Annual Gathering
By NADOI

Taking Training to New Heights

April 25-27, 2019



**Get ready for scenic Gig Harbor, Washington
and the 2019 NADOI Annual Gathering!**

**Make sure you don't miss out on this once a year opportunity to mingle with fellow members
and learn from the best! We will be keeping it small to maintain the family feel of NADOI.**

**Spaces are limited, and everyone is welcome including non-members! Spread the word to your
colleagues!**

Location

The INN at Gig Harbor
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Phone: 800-795-9980
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*Maryna Ozuna, Founder of Canine
Kinaesthetics™*

Pricing and Schedule

**Use this link for Registration, Pricing
and Schedule**

<https://nadoi.org/pricing-and-schedule/>

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Maryna Ozuna, Nationally recognized dog trainer, owner and director of training for the Arizona Doggy Dude Ranch and founder of Kinaesthetics™ system of body care for humans, horses, and dogs.

Highlights

- “A Walk in the Park” – Pack tour of Gig Harbor with Jeanne Hampl
- Maryna Ozuna – “Body Integrity and the Behavioral Puzzle”
- Pack Leader Farms – “Herding and Detection”
- Prison Pet Partnership – “Service Dog Training”

Service Dog Husbandry

*By Veronica Sanchez M.Ed. CABC CPDT-KA
Northern Virginia Dog Trainer*

Pet dog owners often learn in puppy classes how to handle and prepare their puppies for nail trims, brushing, bathing and other grooming. Service dogs have the same needs, however, for owners with disabilities dog care may be more challenging and may require modification. Some simple strategies and training can often make things much easier.



Facilitating Daily Care

Train service dogs behaviors that make daily care easier. No one wants to chase after a dog to put a leash on, but a person with a disability may not be able to. Teach the service dog to move towards the owner when the owner picks up the leash and to put his head through a vest or collar on cue. Also, train the dog to stand still while the owner clips the harness, collar or vest. Positive training techniques like luring, targeting and even shaping can be used to teach these behaviors.

Nail trims can be difficult for people who have limitations with using their hands. For some owners, using a dremel can make things easier. Owners who are not able to use a clipper or dremel may still be able to use a dog nail file and reduce the need for frequent trims.

Solidify basics like “stand” and “stay,” to help with grooming, bathing and with equipment fitting. Teach the dog to be comfortable on a raised surface like a grooming table.

Sometimes simple strategies can make all the difference. Wiping-off muddy paws can be exhausting. Owners can place mats near the door that the dog can be cued to walk on to reduce or even eliminate the clean up. While easy strategies like this may seem obvious to a professional dog trainer, they may not be to an owner-trainer who is new to living with a dog.

Helpful Gadgets

Look at the ergonomics of the grooming tools, usually wider handles are easier for people with limited hand use. Foam tubing can be used to make brushes and combs easier to hold. Also consider the weight, size and materials of food and water bowls. Raised bowls, while designed to make things easier for some dogs, can actually make things easier for an owner who has difficulty bending.

Incorporate Task Training

Some service dog tasks can double as behaviors helpful for husbandry. For example, the owner can cue the dog to retrieve an empty food or water bowl, or to bring a leash closer. Facilitate grooming by incorporating behaviors like the long down needed for Deep Pressure Therapy and stand-stay for brace.

Service Dog Husbandry *(Continued. on page 6.)*

Picking Up after the Dog

An act that seems simple although unpleasant, can be difficult or impossible for a person with a disability. For people with mobility impairments, bending over to clean up after the dog can put them at risk of a fall. There are various types of clean up devices that can reduce or eliminate the need to bend and reach. Don't forget the training piece. If the dog is on leash and pulls or darts after a squirrel while the owner is cleaning up, the owner can fall. Take time to reward the dog for waiting.

Maintain Equipment

Teach service dog owners how to check and maintain the dog's equipment. Tape-rollers can help remove hair from velcro and a wet wash cloth can remove dirt from vests and harnesses. Owners need to check leashes, harnesses and clasps routinely to ensure they are secure and functioning properly.

Keep in mind that fatigue can be an issue for people with disabilities. An owner who is tired from caring for the dog has less energy for training practice. Taking the time to troubleshoot husbandry routines can make a big difference for both the owner and the dog.

November 20, 2018

Veronica Sanchez M.Ed. CABP CPDT-KA

Would a Service Dog Be Helpful To Me Now?

A New Beginning

By Melissa Williams



I've been working with my new partner for 222 days now. So far we have logged 1,231 training hours. We have accomplished his AKC CGC Title (Canine Good Citizenship Test), his AKC CGCA Title (Canine Good Citizenship Advanced Test), we are going for his AKC CGCU Title (Canine Good Citizenship Urban Test), and we are also working on a Bachelors Degree in Canine Life And Social Skills. We have attended 6 professional dog training classes that are 8 weeks long and been invited to 4 speaking engagements.

The pain of losing Rügen, my assistance dog partner of 14 years and 26 days, is still profound. I know life doesn't stop, but neither does the ache, feeling of loss and hole his leaving this earth. I can't describe the pain other than it is very deep and very intense. Frankie has so many traits that Rügen had, they must have had some serious conversations because Frankie is and has picked up so many things from Rügen and began performing these "things" the day after Rügen ran into the arms of Jesus. I have lost a piece of me though and I am not sure if it will ever come or be back. But I try and move forward every day.

Would a Service Dog Be Helpful to Me? (Continued. on page 7.)

A New Lease on Life

Jean Sullivan

I never thought that a service dog could help so much. My experience is after surgery and cancer treatments in my leg I gave my German Shepherd to a police officer who lost her dog. I felt I no longer could keep up with my agility dog.

After months of missing my Shepherd I bought another German Shepherd puppy.

I wanted to obedience train her and socialize her. So I signed up for Jeanne Hampl's Obedience class.

During our training my leg quit working and I quietly called my husband to help me out of the building and to our car. That is when Jeanne said we can get your dog to help you.

What a wonderful experience this has been. I now have a dog who understands me and knows me well. Yes, she can help with my balance and walking.

I don't mind sharing my experience. I don't know what I would do without such a wonderfully trained dog.



Oh, So Many Questions

Margarita Brunke



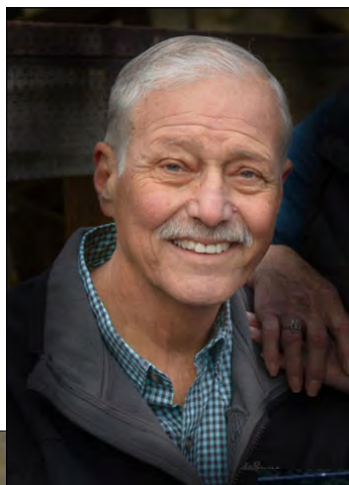
When I was told a Service Dog would be helpful for me several questions came to mind at the time:

- What breed would be better to serve as a service dog?
- I am allergic to dogs. Is there a breed I can have?
- When can I get one already trained and what is the cost?
- Do I need insurance for a service dog?
- Is it better get one through a program?

Fredrick Fuller
9/28/1945 - 1/24/2019

It is with great sorrow that the Assistance Dog Club mourns the passing of longtime member, Fred Fuller. Fred was always available to help with any of our activities or events. Fred also had a wonderful smile that could warm any venue and raise the spirit in any facility that the ADC was visiting.

Our thoughts are with your wife, Connie and your family. We will miss you as will your wonderful Service Dog, Jazz.



If you knew Fred and would like to share your stories
with Fred's family you are welcome to join the family
to Celebrate the Life of Fred Fuller.

Open House
Saturday, February 9, 2019
1:00 – 4:00
2719 84th St. E.
Tacoma, WA 98372

What's Up With ADC?

Activities and meetings this year will be held at TACID unless otherwise noted. The address for TACID is: 6315 S 19th St, Tacoma, Washington 98466. The Assistance Dog Club will be holding its meetings and events on the dates below and enjoying some good food as we plan our topics of interest, events and presenters for 2019. If our members have a topic or speaker that they would like to hear, please contact Jack Pearce-Droge or Jeanne Hampl.

- February 23
- March 23
- April 27
- May 18
- June 22
- July 27
- September 28
- October 25 - Annual Meeting

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.

The image contains five logos arranged in a collage. On the left is the AmazonSmile logo with the text 'Shop at AmazonSmile and Amazon will make a donation to: Assistance Dog Club of Puget Sound' and a 'Get started' button. In the center is the Dogwise logo with the tagline 'All things dog.' Below it is the 'Every Quote Gives Hope' logo featuring a green ribbon. At the bottom center is the Healthypaws logo, 'PET INSURANCE & FOUNDATION'. On the right is the Fred Meyer Community Rewards logo with the text 'community rewards' and 'Where shopping & giving unite'.

Check our Facebook Page for more information!

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/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>
<http://www.summitvets.com/blog.html>

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://marthahoffmanhearingdogs.com/academy/news/>

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 Like us for the latest information about all things service dog.