



The Brigadoon Barker

Brigadoon Service Dogs

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Washington State Senators, McAuliffe, Ericksen and Hobbs, read a resolution honoring Brigadoon Services Dogs for their work in the community.

Brigadoon Honored by the Washington State Senate

Olympia, WA

Washington State Senate resolution 8688, was read and presented to Brigadoon Service Dogs on the floor of the Washington State Senate, on February 29, 2012, to honor Brigadoon for their service to people with disabilities. Denise Costanten, Executive Director of Brigadoon, accepted the award with Army SPC. Michael Ballard and his Brigadoon service dog, Apollo. Other Brigadoon board members and volunteers at the event included: Jean Barnett, Jeff Blodgett, Leon Costanten, Rob Lowe, Erin Quisenberry, Woody Stone, and Marguerite Turner.

The resolution was spear headed by Senator Rosemary McAuliffe, along with Senators: Steve Hobbs, Steve Conway, Jeanne Kohl-Welles, and Karen Fraser. Brigadoon is thrilled to have this wonderful acknowledgement from the Washington State Senate. It confirms and reinforces our commitment to provide clients with service dogs that match their individual needs.

To see the full declaration please go to:
<http://www.brigadoondogs.com>

... NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize and honor Brigadoon Service Dogs for all that they do for our community, our men and women of the armed services, and our adults and children who need their help; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Brigadoon be recognized as an example of kindness, compassion, and empowerment for our loved ones with special needs...



2012 Graduation & Auction

Diversity With A Common Thread

CHILDREN • ADULTS • VETERANS

SAVE THE DATE:

October 20, 2012

Lynnwood Convention Center

5:00 p.m.

For more information:
www.brigadoondogs.org
360-733-5388

"Offering a Helping Paw!"

Brigadoon Population Explosion!



Sable has been a sweet, loving mom to her new little family.

It is hard to tell if the new noises in the Brigadoon kennel are from the barking squeals of the nine new collie puppies, or from the squeals of delight from the visitors coming in to see them. Sable, Brigadoon's smooth coat (short hair) collie, and Marko's Collies' rough coat (long hair), Travis, were the proud parents of four boys, and five girls, on February 25th.

All the pups will have temperament tests to find out if they are appropriate for the service dog program, or a forever home. The five rough coat pups will be going to new homes in the near future. If you are interested in purchasing one of them please contact Brigadoon.



The collie pups pile on each other to nap outside on a warm afternoon.

Brigadoon Youth Program at Whatcom Discovery School

Max (name changed) a student at the Whatcom Discovery School has issues with noise and lots of activity. When the service dog youth program started at the Discovery School in the September, Max would stand in the hall and look through the window at the students working with the dogs. As weeks passed Max managed to come in and stand against the wall to watch the dogs and students for a few minutes. Months later he sits in the classroom and watches the students for the entire session. We are so pleased that Max has made progress with our program.

Denise says the dogs smile every Tuesday morning when they board the van to go to the Discovery School. The dogs love working with the students. We are very proud and very thankful to all the students that have helped train the Brigadoon service dogs. You rock!

About the Whatcom Discovery School:

The Discovery program through the Northwest Educational Service District 189, serves elementary, middle, and high school students experiencing significant social, emotional, and behavioral difficulties. There is a strong emphasis on academic instruction as well as specific instruction to learn problem solving, decision-making, and social skills.



Sometimes we think that Riley, our 9-week old chocolate lab, should be called Rasca! Our thanks to Kris and Chad Holloper, Sedro Woolley, for donating Riley!



One-year-old standard poodle, Samson, is a smart boy. He will be partnered with a man who uses a wheelchair.

WELCOME to Brigadoon

Lindy Christopherson has been hired to train as operation manager at Brigadoon.



Lindy will be working with Denise to learn the day-to-day operations at the Bellingham site, and will take over for Denise when she is not available. Her excellent skills in speaking, organization and training make her a perfect ambassador to assist in getting the Brigadoon name out through the community. Welcome Lindy and her Newfoundland, Fisher!

We also welcome Elizabeth Osborne, owner of Home Front Hounds Dog Training,



as a volunteer trainer at the Cedar Creek Correction Center once a week. Besides training dogs, Elizabeth has experience with exotic animals, such as dolphins and sea lions. She has a background in animal behavior, a degree in psychology and a dog training certification from The Animal Behavior College.



Ravi, is slated to go to a child when she graduates in 2013. "Thank you" goes out to breeder, Linda Ward, Spokane, for donating the sweet year-old collie.



Pip, is truly a pip-squeak! This Jack Russell puppy will grow up to be a service dog for a Whatcom County Veteran. The Vet needs a smaller dog that will help him with his PTSD and can travel in a pack on his motorcycle. We think Pip will fit for both!



Bodie

Service Dogs Training With Offenders

Brigadoon has started another program working with the offenders at the Cedar Creek Correction Center in Littlerock, WA. Five male offenders at the Center are currently training and living with 5 of our beginning to intermediate canines. Each offender works and cares for their dog 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Denise Costanten and Elizabeth Osborne each teach a class at the Cedar Creek site once a week. We are confident this pilot program will work well for both the offenders and the dogs.



Abby



Alphie

About the Cedar Creek Corrections Center:

Cedar Creek Corrections Center, in Littlerock, WA, is a minimum custody (MI2) institution for male offenders over the age of 18. Offenders must have four years or less remaining on their sentence to be eligible. There are two living units (Cascade and Olympic) and one programming unit (Timberline), which accommodate education, chemical dependency, the offender library, and other programs. All inmates are required to work and/or program.



Libby



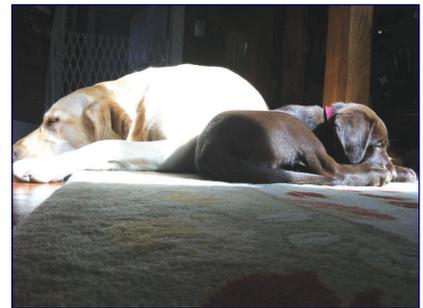
Trapper

Cedar Creek is considered a "work camp" and in addition to on-site job assignments, inmate crews work for the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) performing work such as tree planting, land clearing, forest fire fighting, stream restoration, development of parks and trails and other work projects. The Department of Natural resources provides appropriate training to Cedar Creek offenders assigned to their work crew.

From the editor: Foster Care Program

by Diana Fewing

I'm having so much fun at Brigadoon! My husband and I aren't puppy raisers but recently we have been Brigadoon foster parents. I like this program as we don't have to have a puppy long term but can take a puppy or dog for a weekend or longer. We expose them to the home environment and social activities such as going to a Pilates class, taking walks, attending Church, and shopping for groceries. Even our yellow lab, Holly, is adjusting well to the 'guests'. If you are interested in training to be a foster parent please contact the Brigadoon office.



Holly with house guests: Domino, Bodie, Parker, and Riley.



"If there are no dogs in Heaven, then when I die I want to go where they went."

Will Rogers



Brigadoon and ADI Accreditation

If you visit the Brigadoon facility you might think we just finished our spring-cleaning, however, we have gone through a safety and organizational cleaning of sorts, to prepare for an Assistance Dogs International, Inc. (ADI) inspection.

Our ADI accreditation review took place on March 26 and 27, by ADI assessor, Ron Tymrick, from Pacific Assistance Dog Society, in Burnaby, British Columbia. Thanks to the hard work (hundreds of hours) of Brigadoon's volunteer business manager, Marie Salen, the inspection went without any problems. The accreditation review would not have run as smooth and timely without her. The few minor adjustments that needed to be made were completed and sent to Ron for the report by the time he got back to British Columbia that evening. Formal notice of the certification will be given later this year and we look forward to becoming one of the first Washington State ADI certified service dog programs.

What is ADI?

ADI is a partnership of not-for-profit organizations that train and place assistance dogs. The purpose of ADI is to improve the areas of training, placement, and utilization of assistance dogs, and set standards, guidelines and ethics for the training of these dogs.

A few of the ADI guidelines include: behavior and training expected of a dog working in the public; rights of clients partnered with an assistance dog; standards and ethics regarding the training and placing of assistance dogs; and responsibilities of a person partnered with an assistance dog.

ADI is continually striving to improve the entire service dog industry.

ADI has an accreditation procedure for member programs they are meeting the high standards needed to train and place these special dogs. The standards evaluated in the ADI accreditation process include virtually every aspect of properly running a program. Areas evaluated include: safety and cleanliness of the training facility, fair and ethical treatment of clients, proper health care for the dogs, humane training methods for the dogs, criteria for screening suitability of both dogs and clients, criteria for matching dogs and clients, criteria for administration of all program operations and compliance with all legal regulations.

When a member program is ready for accreditation, a trained assessor spends several days at the training facility interviewing staff, clients, volunteers and applicants, in addition to reviewing paperwork and files. Currently approximately 80 ADI programs have been accredited.

Brigadoon
 Service Dog Program
4759 Mission Road
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Saturday, May 5
11:00AM - 1:00PM



Parker practices 'down-stay' on the pea gravel for the kennels at Brigadoon. "Thank you" to Ram Construction and Diana Fewing for the donation.

We love our veterinarian from North Shore Veterinary Hospital, Kimberly Barron, DVM. Kim and her daughter visited Brigadoon this month to vaccinate 16 of the puppies and dogs. Thank you Kim for coming to us so all of us don't have to come to your office.

left: Denise holds Parker while his shots are updated. right: Little Pip gets gentle reassurance from Maddy, Kim's daughter and helper for the afternoon.



Volunteer, Megan Schmalstieg, plays with Sable's puppies. Just one of the perks of volunteering!