

The Brigadoon Barker

The Newsletter of Brigadoon Service Dogs - We change lives one partnership at a time by *offering a helping paw!*

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The Origins of Brigadoon's Prison Program By Alli Engelke (Part 1 of 2)

Brigadoon is different than a lot of the other organizations out there that are breeding and training service dogs. What makes Brigadoon unique is that it gets its labor force from local prisons. Brigadoon service dogs are trained by prison inmates. For decades now, prison programs have been used to produce successful service dogs to their communities. What's great about prison dog training programs is that they often make a significant difference in the lives of the inmate trainers.

It was a Dominican nun, Sister Pauline Quinn, who first came up with the idea of using dog training programs in prisons. Sister Pauline had a rough upbringing before she decided to dedicate her life to service. She grew up in an abusive household, and eventually she ran away. As a young teen she was living on the streets of L.A. Not long after, she was picked up by the authorities. Unable to return home, she was placed into a series of institutions. When she was finally released as an adult, she went right back to living on the streets.

Things only started to turn around after Sister Pauline met Joni. Joni was a stray German Shepherd, and the sister adopted her to be her companion animal. The two formed a powerful bond. From their union, a new and beautiful movement began, for it was Joni who inspired Sister Pauline to start the first prison dog training program. In 1981, she formed the *Prison Pet Partnership* at the Washington State Correctional Center for Women in Gig Harbor, WA.

The program was designed at first simply to allow inmates to work with rescue animals and benefit from being around them. Later it grew to include the training of service animals for those in need. The Prison Pet Partnership continues to thrive today. Since its inception, it has placed over 700 dogs into new homes.

(Alli's in-depth article continues in our next newsletter so stay tuned!)



Brigadoon's 16th Annual Auction ... *ONLINE!*

Brigadoon's 16th Annual Auction – Our first *VIRTUAL* Online Auction – opens Tuesday, September 8th at 8am (PST) and closes Saturday, September 12th at 10p.

- 🐾 Mark your calendars for 7p on Saturday, September 12th. Right at 7p on our Virtual Auction Website homepage, **Auctioneer *Matt Lorch*** and **Brigadoon** will present our **Virtual Auction Program**.
 - Set your phone alarm for 6:45p & grab your favorite beverage!
 - Open your computer screen and go to **brigadoondogs.org**.
 - Click on the button that says: **VISIT OUR VIRTUAL AUCTION TODAY!**
 - The home page will screen fantastic slides and a countdown leading up to 7p.
 - Right at 7p, Matt Lorch will join us on screen for a fabulous half hour program that will knock your socks off. Heart warming videos were produced by Brenda Phillips Photography and by Destiny Ulanoff.
- 🐾 You will not believe this year's fantastic donations, over *sixty* MUST SEE packages!! This community has really come together to help **Brigadoon** thrive.
- 🐾 Now all we need is ***YOU!***
- 🐾 Please invite as many of your friends from all over the country as you. The beauty of having a virtual auction is people can see it virtually from anywhere. Some of the items are to be used in Whatcom County but many can be mailed. And best of all ...
- 🐾 **This EVENT is *FREE!***
- 🐾 Go to **brigadoondogs.org** and CLICK on: **VISIT OUR VIRTUAL AUCTION TODAY!**

A TASTE of the Auction



Magic Castle

We might as well call this package *PRICELESS* and these Magic Castle passes are super exclusive! You not only get two passes, you also get airfare for two to LAX, a four-star hotel for two nights in Hollywood or West Hollywood and dinner for two at the Magic Castle. (This package does not expire until December 31, 2021.)

BBQ & Fantastic Garden Package from Home Depot

Photos will be on our auction website soon!

Native American Ray Tracey Design Jewelry

Check out several pieces on our auction website!

Walla Walla Wine Tour for Four

The Touring Company takes you on a deluxe day of fun.

Golf Packages

Silver Reef, B'ham Golf & Country Club & more.

TWO Truckloads of Gravel from Cowden Gravel

Cowden Gravel will also deliver in Whatcom County.



This is just the **TIP** of the iceberg!
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The Year of Covid-19

A note from Executive Director Denise CoStanten

I hope you all are doing well and staying healthy. Our limited staff has been working staggered shifts and with the help of very few volunteers, we all pulled together to get the things done that had to be done. Even with all of the restrictions and challenges we're facing due to Covid-19, i.e. lack of puppy raisers, volunteers, skeleton crew for staff members, etc. we are still set to graduate a total of 10 dogs this year! Pretty amazing when you think about it. Thank you everyone, that is what teamwork is all about!

I am looking forward to next year when life gets somewhat back to normal and we can all be together again at our annual Gala.

Until then, take care and be well!



Full Circle

Dan was absolutely thrilled when he was asked to work as a Level III Dog Trainer at **Brigadoon**. Dan was a Stafford Creek inmate who served his full term. He was released five months ago. It was at Stafford that he first got involved with Brigadoon as a dog trainer. Now he has come full circle. **Brigadoon Barker** took a few moments to chat with Dan.

Brigadoon Barker: I understand you were in the military?

Dan: I was. I served two years in the Army National Guard, in communications, then I went onto United State Air Force active duty and I served six years as a Military Dog Handler.

Brigadoon Barker: What brings you to Brigadoon?

Dan: About fourteen years ago, I wasn't in a very good place in my life. I made some real poor choices and ended up incarcerated. I got sent to Stafford Creek as part of their veteran's program. They heard of my background and invited me to train dogs. I got to meet Denise. I learned positive reinforcement techniques, which was different than the military, and it absolutely changed my life.

Dan's dream after getting out was to become a professional dog trainer. He even wrote Denise about his plans four years ago. Now that dream has come true.

You are invited to meet Dan and hear his full interview on our auction webpage during Brigadoon's Auction Program, Saturday, September 12th at 7p. At 6:45p Saturday 9/12, go to: brigadoondogs.org and click on: "VISIT OUR VIRTUAL AUCTION TODAY!"



New Puppies

Photographs by Brenda Phillips Photography

Brigadoon now has seven new puppies. Since these puppies arrived in July, we named them patriotically: Liberty, Paul Revere, GI Joe and Miss July, Rambo, Riley and Freedom. Puppy raisers are a big part of Brigadoon. Ada Allen (here with Liberty) is one of many volunteers who take a puppy home for six months and raise them using our positive reinforcement training method.

New Partners

Photographs by Brenda Phillips Photography



Brigadoon has matched six new partners since our last December newsletter thanks to special donors like Apex Foundation, Bev Simpson and so many more.

Seraphina is a **Make-A-Wish** recipient. She and her new partner Juniper have become best of friends. Meet Seraphina and hear her story during **Brigadoon's Auction Program Saturday, September 12th at 7p.** *Mark your calendar!*



Brigadoon trains dogs to fit each client's needs. This fall, we will partner another five dogs with people in need.

When Peyton and Painter met, they instantly fell in love with each other. You can meet the pair and learn more about Peyton's story during **Brigadoon's Auction Program Saturday, September 12th at 7p.**

GO TO: brigadoondogs.org and click on the "VISIT OUR VIRTUAL AUCTION PAGE" Bid on all our fantastic donations Sept 8 – 12th.

*Are you, your community, or your company interested in sponsoring a Brigadoon dog?
Learn more here <http://www.brigadoondogs.org/sponsor-a-dog>*

Fun Page!

Dog Breeds

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