



THE BRIGADOON BARKER

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WOW! Here it is almost July already. This is what's been happening at Brigadoon so far this year:

- * We welcomed Sara Cohen who started working as a part time dog trainer. Sara came to us with a background in avalanche dog handling, training & she has been a great help. The dogs just love her.
- * Two Havanese pups were donated. They are great little dogs.
- * The Collie Doodle pups went to the Cedar Creek Corrections Center.
- * Dogs were moved into the training building and we turned the old kennel room into a team training room. Much less noise in the office:)
- * Personal Focus began filming the progress of the collie doodles and their training with the Cedar Creek inmates.
- * Denise attended a Dog Diabetic Alert workshop (always learning)
- * Site visit to Stafford Creek Correction Center in Aberdeen by Denise.

Potentially a second prison program for incarcerated veterans to train our dogs.

* Site visit to PADS (Pacific Assistance Dogs Society) service dog school in Canada by Becca and Denise. The purpose: How can we improve Brigadoon, why reinvent the wheel.

* Veterans come to meet dogs. Lots of interviews for clients and home visits.

* Several Seattle radio interviews.

* Four- two week long team trainings were scheduled. The first was held in April. Pip, Cooper, and Ruby (Molly) pictured here with their partners, passed their Public Access Test.

The next team trainings are scheduled in July, August and November.



* Becca and the auction committee has been busy procuring items for our Sept. 20th event at the Bellingham Golf & Country Club in Bellingham.

*Denise was awarded Volunteer of the year for Cedar Creek Correction Center for her work with the inmates, as well as being awarded The Golden Tennis Shoe from Senator Patty Murray.

Senator Murray gives only 3 of these awards out in the State of Washington for people who give back to their community.

* June 12th, Denise was invited to attend a convening at Walter Reed Memorial Hospital in Washington DC, to discuss how a service dog helps veterans with PTSD. Hotel and airfare was paid by the Bob Woodruff Foundation.

*On June 17th, Becca celebrated one year of working as Assistant Director for Brigadoon. Denise would be lost without her!!!!



SUMMER HEAT PRECAUTIONS!

Watch out for lack of appetite and lethargy.



1. Avoid hot sidewalks—they burn tender paws.
2. Increase access to water — add ice cubes for special treat!
3. Dig out that kiddie pool and invite a little water play.
4. Take shorter walks, after the sun goes down—walk in the grass!
5. Is it time for a haircut?
6. Keep Pets and children out of hot cars!!!!!!

**Join Us in a BBQ to
Say Thank You to
All of Our Wonderful Volunteers!**

There are no two ways about it — we couldn't accomplish what we do without the help of our many volunteers who offer their support unstintingly. They are the most generous, thoughtful and reliable people we could ever hope to find. We couldn't do it without you!

Volunteer Appreciation BBQ Picnic

Saturday, July 12, 2014 -11:00 am—2 p.m.
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Brigadoon Family, Friends, Clients, Sponsors and especially our Volunteers. Whether you worked in the kennel, the training room, the bathing room, or the kitchen; whether you went for walks, trimmed toenails, bathed dogs, sat at an information stand, helped make our events a success, cleaned the facility, worked in the garden or washed our vans — we want to see you there!

**Volunteers Make All the
Difference in the World!**

Helping Hands Make it Possible to “Offer a Helping Paw”

Last month we mentioned the 23,180 hours of man, woman and child service hours that made it possible for Brigadoon to complete its mission in 2013. Did you have a chance to think about what that really meant? It means that in addition to the 1.7 paid staff members, Brigadoon had access to the equivalent of 10.3 full time staff members. That's right — with your help we accomplished the work of 12 people on a penny-pinching budget.

Our work is only possible because of the very generous assistance that our family, friends and community are able to provide. We work hard, but that isn't enough — without your generosity we wouldn't be able to provide the services that we do. This is especially the case since we have changed our policy to allow service members injured in active service access to service dogs at no cost.

Although we don't have space to name you all, we can provide a sort of overview by the kind of work that is being done.

Administrative, management, training, bathing, grooming, fundraising, maintenance, acquisitions, in-kind solicitations, education and awareness programs, events planning, grant writing, ambassadorship, youth educational programs, advisory and professional services, Work Opportunity support, prison program support, and each and every friend, friend of a friend and family member that has stepped up to help with a special project, an errand, an event or other service that has helped in serving our clients. **THANK YOU!**





Hi, my name is “Zola”. I am a Golden Retriever in training to become a service dog and we need your help...

It takes a long time for me to be trained to help someone with a disability. Part of the time is needed for me to grow up and be mature enough to handle all the responsibility of helping a person 7 days a week.

Even though we have volunteers that help out, it still costs money to teach me things, feed me, take me to the veterinarian to stay healthy, pay for insurance, utilities, rent..... so I have a nice place to sleep, train and play. I am not the only pup in the training program-there are 18

others.

If you believe in me and the other pups in training, our mission, and like what we do — please support us. *FOR THOSE WHO ALREADY SUPPORT US FINANCIALLY, A GREAT BIG THANKS, WOOF, WOOF, AND A PAWS UP!!!!!! CONGRATULATIONS FOR HELPING ME AND MY FELLOW PUPS BE THE BEST WE CAN BE. I bet it makes you feel so good to know you are helping others:)

Please, send whatever amount (even as little as \$10.00 helps) every month to Brigadoon Service Dogs. Without the support of folks like you, we cannot sustain ourselves. We do not receive any money from the state or government. Spread the word, share the Brigadoon story, so we can continue to help people with disabilities, one dog (like me:) at a time. Woof!

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