

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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Letter from Denise Costanten Founder/President

Happy Holidays to all our friends and supporters.

Another exciting year has passed. Here is a quick look at what has happened this year at Brigadoon Service Dogs:

- Two litters of puppies, one collie (kept 2 for the program), one Labrador (keeping 3 for our programs)
- 13 new teams
- Opened another prison program
- Recruited 5 new board members
- 6 puppies were donated
- Received 3 puppies from the ABC Coop
- 2017 Auction was a great success
- Started an Ambassador's Club
- Underwent and passed our Assistance Dogs International audit
- Veterans event was successful as Thrillingham.
- 2017 Totals:
 - Dogs added to program - 14
 - Teams graduated – 13
 - Total dogs currently in the program – 26
 - Dogs on track to graduate in 2018 – 13

Several people have answered our plea for financial help. They stepped up and are making a monthly contribution, either through our website, Facebook, or automated checks from their bank account. The amounts range from \$10 monthly to \$100 monthly. This has helped tremendously, but we need more people and/or businesses to step up.

As many of you are aware, we cannot produce a single dog for someone with disabilities without your help. Please think of giving to Brigadoon Service Dogs for your year end gift. We are a 501 c 3 Tax ID number 27-0100385.

Wishing you all a very a happy, healthy and successful 2018!

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Jade Successfully Delivers Second Litter

On October 21st, Jade went into labor and delivered 7 Labrador Retriever puppies over the course of the day. All her puppies were born at very healthy weights and have been developing well ever since. The litter consists of 6 males and 1 female. All of the puppies are black.

Brigadoon is keeping 3 of the puppies in our program. The winners of our naming contest named our puppies Clementine, Conradt, and Champ.



Welcome!

Brigadoon has welcomed many new dogs in the past few months. Say hello to:



Breeze – a female English Shepherd donated by Paradise English Shepherds

Adrik – a male black Lab from Southeastern Guide Dogs

Remi – a female chocolate Lab donated by Pacific Coast K9

Statler – a male Airedale donated by Jerrie Froelich.

13th Annual Graduation and Auction a Rousing Success!



The theme of the 13th Annual Graduation and Auction may have been “Changing Lives One Dog at a Time,” but that night it was guests who were changing lives; one person at a time. Volunteers, staff, and handlers joined both long-time and new supporters for an evening of celebration and inspiration at the Silver Reef Casino. Guests enjoyed eating and drinking delicious food and fine wines, learning more about Brigadoon through moving presentations, and bidding on enticing silent and live auction items. Matt Lorch and Taylor Edwards hosted the evening, providing excellent auctioneering and emceeing respectively. By the end of the evening, \$25,000 had been raised for Brigadoon. Thank you to everyone who came out and celebrated with us. It was a very special night.

Thrillingham Zombies Support Brigadoon



Community members from across Whatcom County were brought together by Thrillingham this past October to learn Michael Jackson’s Thriller dance and support Brigadoon. On Halloween night, the zombified community members got together and did a Thriller flash mob at Maritime Heritage Park. Overall, over \$2100 was raised for Brigadoon!

Adventures in Service Dog Puppy Raising Part 2: Big Adventure for a Big Puppy

By Amie Chapman

Reprinted from Growing Up Guide Pup



Growing Up
Guide Pup



Boy, has our little Penny grown, and not just in size! In just one month she has grown from looking like a puppy to now being taller and heavier than Ricki. She is now just under 70 lbs and about to turn six months old. The other big change in Penny is her confidence level. She is not the same timid puppy that she was a month or two ago.

This summer, I focused most of her training on building her confidence and it worked. She still has more improvements to make, but the difference in her is like night and day. She used to walk slowly and timidly out in public. She also used to need to look at every little thing and analyze it—was it something scary that needed to be avoided, or was it something that we could just walk on past?

Now the puppy that once needed some coaxing to walk in public tries to lead me and needs reminders to slow down and walk right next to me. Penny is a big strong girl now and this is our current main focus. Even a slight pull on her leash when walking feels like I am being pulled by a horse.

When we first started taking her to restaurants, she had a very hard time settling under the table. She didn't seem to like being confined or laying on the hard ground. Penny would constantly try to back out from under the table or refuse to stay in a down position. I would have to repeatedly remind her and help her lay back down, which of course made it really hard for me to eat when my food arrived. We even had issues with her whining the first few times, which meant that I would have to get up and take her out of the restaurant and get her calm again before going back in. But all that hard work and eating cold food paid off. She is now very comfortable going

out to eat, settles under the table on her own, and only moves to reposition herself.

With Penny's newfound confidence, her outings have also gotten bigger. We rode public transit for the first time. Even though I had to carry her up the stairs to board her first commuter train, on her second trip she walked right aboard. She has even been on the Bay Area's version of a subway, BART. These trains are extremely loud and not nearly as smooth as the Caltrain trains and can be very intimidating for any dog, let alone a young puppy. But after riding it twice she slept soundly on her third ride.

A few weeks ago, Brigadoon Service Dogs had their annual fundraising dinner and auction and Matt and I decided to go. This was the perfect opportunity for us to have the chance to meet other puppy raisers, staff, volunteers, and graduates from Brigadoon. But to do the trip this time we were required to fly—I just couldn't get enough time off work to take the extra time to drive. This would mean taking five-month-old Penny through a busy airport and on a two-hour plane ride.

I was very nervous to do this; flying with a puppy in training is a huge step and can be very stressful for the raiser and the puppy both. It takes a very confident puppy to handle going through security, walking through busy terminals with people walking, rolling luggage, and carts going by, sitting still in tight quarters for a long period of time, and holding their bladders and bowels for a long period of time.

Penny surprised us with how well she handled it all. She was a little nervous about walking next to our suitcase on wheels, but did great going through security. The terminal was a little

overwhelming, but she did handle it well. She had no issues boarding the plane and lying down, but did have a hard time keeping her long legs out of the aisle. Unfortunately, we were running a little late trying to get Penny to potty one last time before entering the airport (which she refused to do) and were the last to board. Penny and I were seated in the bulkhead row, but had the aisle seat. Matt was seated in the window seat on the opposite side of the aisle. I had a very hard time keeping Penny out of the foot space of the person next to me and her head and front feet out of the aisle—she is just a little too long. But we made it through the flight without any major issues. I did bring her snuggle bunny on board with us and she curled up with it and slept for part of the flight.

We were very happy with our decision to attend. We met so many great people who are part of and/or support the organization. Even though they are a small organization, they touch the lives of so many people. From the volunteers who help out with running the day-to-day operations, to the few staff members who work with the dogs, to the inmates in the prison program who train the dogs and learn just as much from dogs as the dogs do from them, to the graduates who have their lives improved by their dogs.

The feeling at the dinner was like attending a big family event. A lot of attendees seemed to know one another, and those that they didn't know were given a warm welcome. Penny was also a big hit. Many people knew her brother Bernard and her sister Bianca and were really excited to finally meet the "other" puppy of the litter. We were told by many that Bernard and Bianca were very energetic and goofy puppies, but also extremely loveable and friendly. They seemed to be big favorites of the training staff and the volunteers who have worked with them. Unfortunately we didn't get a chance to see them because they had already been placed with inmates in the prison program. But we did get a chance to speak with one of the staff members from the facility that Bianca is in and she had nothing but great things to say about Bianca.

From the time we dropped the puppies off at Brigadoon, I have felt a sense of peace and comfort that they were in a great place for them.

After attending this event and having a chance to talk with the people working with Bernard and Bianca, that feeling has grown even more. I am falling in love with this organization for so many reasons but the big one is their passion. The passion of working with their dogs, the care that their dogs receive, the work they do with the inmates, and for their clients that receive their dogs.

We flew in the day of the dinner and the next day we dropped Penny off at Brigadoon for her to stay with them for a few days. Matt and I really needed a few days to ourselves and we planned our little vacation around the dinner. That way we could attend and we could have the perfect place for Penny to stay. As much as I love all our dogs, we had not had a trip to ourselves without any dogs in six years. This was also the perfect chance for the trainers to spend some time with Penny and give us some feedback on how she was doing.

Every service dog organization is different and we have to raise each puppy by protocols set in place by the organization we are raising for. This is our first time training a puppy from the very start using only positive reinforcement, and I wanted to make sure that we were handling Penny the way we were asked and that she was progressing well. I really wanted the feedback so I knew that we were on the right track.

Arturo was raised using positive reinforcement, but when we took over his training he already knew the commands that a raiser was supposed to train, he just needed a little fine tuning. Patrick was raised using a correction method without food for almost every aspect of his training. We were given permission to use a small amount of food to try and help him through his dog reactivity issues, but once he turned a year old we were told no more food rewards for him/

Raising for multiple organizations now, it has been a little challenging for me to retrain myself to the various ways of training. But I have to say that because of Penny being a puppy with a softer temperament, the positive-reinforcement training has been a great match for her. And even though I am being challenged with learning yet another way of dog training, I too am learning a lot and

enjoying it. I have personally always preferred to use food rewards when training a puppy, but it is sometimes inconvenient to always have to carry dog treats on me wherever I go with a puppy. Not to mention the treat residue on your fingers along with the dog slobber isn't always the best. But I have found that the puppies learn things faster and seem to understand what is expected from them a lot easier.

When we picked Penny up after her short three-day stay at Brigadoon, I was pleasantly surprised to hear that she did very well with them. I was very concerned about her being stressed in their kennels, as she is still having some stress being in the kennel at my work (though she is now very comfortable being in her kennel at home). Penny was very happy to see us, but it was also great to see that she was already comfortable and bonding with the trainers there. She didn't seem stressed at all and was happy and comfortable being there. Penny really hasn't been handled by anyone other than Matt and me, and is very bonded with me in particular. This was another great reason to have her stay at Brigadoon for a few days, to see how she would handle being separated from us. Being able to do this is very important for to become a service dog and she proved that she can handle it.

Penny handled the trip home just as well as the trip to Washington. This time we got priority boarding, got the window seat in bulkhead, and Matt and I got to sit together. Penny had a little bit more room to stretch her long legs and was a little more comfortable. She did however discover the window and was very curious about what was on the other side. But overall she did amazing for such a young puppy.

Jump forward two weeks to this past weekend, and Penny went for an even bigger trip, this time to Minnesota. Matt has been submitting our series to various Web Series Festivals for multiple years now and we have been accepted to multiple festivals. This past weekend was the first ever Minnesota Web Fest and we decided to attend. We try to attend the festivals we are accepted to, but we can't attend all of them. The ones outside the country can be especially difficult. Plus it is expensive to travel to these events.



We chose to attend the one in Minnesota because we have gotten to know George, the founder of the festival, and we also have friends who live in the area. Nicole and Devon were so gracious to let us crash with them. Kellie was so kind to drive us around so we didn't have to rent a car. There was no way we would have been able to attend the festival if it wasn't for them. We can't thank the service community enough for coming together and helping us!

Of course, going to Minnesota meant another airplane ride for Penny. This time we flew out of San Francisco Airport (on the other trip, we flew out of Oakland). SFO is a bigger and busier airport than Penny's first experience. This time, Penny was much more confident and relaxed as we walked through security and the terminal. We also didn't sit in the bulkhead row and Penny had to lay under the seats in front of us. I have been practicing with her laying under chairs to help prepare her for this. She walked right onto the plane, and settled down under the seats and was super good the entire four-hour flight. She even held her bladder from our house to our friends house in Minnesota. She was given opportunities to use the pet relief area in the terminal at San Francisco and again at the pet area outside the airport in Minneapolis, but she didn't like those options.



Penny and Figaro

Penny immediately hit it off with our friend Nicole's guide dog Figaro. They were inseparable all weekend. They played so well together and even napped next to each other. We also met up with our friend Kellie and her service dog Justine. Penny was very polite with her as well as Nicole's retired guide Picassa. Penny did pretty well staying at someone else's house.



At the Minnesota festival

We all went to the festival together. This particular festival was only one day; a lot of the others are multiple days. We had some great photo opportunities with the dogs and they were all very good representatives of service dogs. We were nominated for an award for best documentary series, but once again came home empty-handed. We have been nominated for at least one award in all the web series festivals that we have been accepted into, but we just keep coming home without a win. I'm beginning to feel like we are the Susan Lucci of the web series world, always thankful for the nomination but we really would like a win for the service dog community.

The day after the festival we all went to The Mall of America. That place is huge! Penny was a little overwhelmed and had a hard time walking without pulling at first, but did settle down. At one point

we were on the third floor looking over the railing, and she was very uncertain about the people walking around on the main floor and let out a couple of barks. "What are those little things walking around?!"

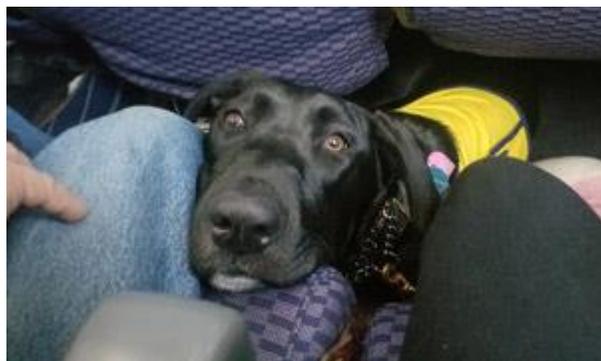


At the Great Mall of America

The other thing I noticed while walking around the mall was the reaction of the people there. Some people thought the dogs were really great to watch navigate the mall, but others were outright frightened of Penny. At one point, we separated from the group to get Penny some water and in a span of about five minutes, I passed three separate people who were completely terrified of us. One person jumped out of our way, one person actually screamed and darted away, and the third person backed against the wall and tried to scoot away from us, leaning on the wall, but then realized we were going the same direction and then ran. I guess being a big tourist spot, some people are not accustomed to seeing service dogs in a public place. But overall we had a lot of fun that day with our friends.

For the trip home, I don't think that we could have asked Penny to be any better behaved than she was. She was almost perfect. She went through security like a pro and navigated the terminal with no problem. We even passed multiple airport comfort dogs (even a Great Dane) interacting with the travelers in the terminal. This time we had two flights. She boarded the first plane—once again with an hour-and-a-half delay—with ease, settled right under the seat, and slept the entire flight.

We got into Denver with just enough time to get off one plane, use the restroom, and try to get Penny to relieve in the terminal pet relief area (once again, it was a no-go), and get in line to board the next plane. When we go in line to board we did have a bit of an access issue with Penny (stay tuned for more about that, it is a work in progress) but we were eventually allowed to board. We were the last passengers to get on the plane. When we got to our seats, someone was sitting in Matt's seat so we had to do a little dance to get that person out and us in.



Penny settles in onboard

I actually had to have Penny wait in the aisle past our seat and then have her back up until we reached our row again (there wasn't enough room for her to turn around), a skill she has never done before. She did it without hesitation or problem and then went right under the seat and settled in. All of this in front of a plane full of people. I heard a few quiet comments from some of the passengers about what an amazing dog she was. Of course, as her raiser that makes me very proud of my girl. She once again slept almost the entire flight and only got a little antsy about 20 minutes before we landed.

As you can see, Penny has done so much in the last month and I couldn't be more proud of how she is progressing. She has worked very hard and with every outing we do with her you can actually see the improvements she is making the very next time she is out in public. She is an absolute joy to raise and I can't wait to update everyone next month on the new things that she will be doing.

Do you want to follow more of Penny and Growing Up Guide Pup's adventures? Go to <https://growingupguidepup.org/>

Brigadoon Dogs on the Move

Our dogs get around! Check out some of the many places Brigadoon dogs have visited:

- 🐾 Bagby Hot Springs
- 🐾 Bainbridge Island, Washington
- 🐾 Baltimore, Maryland
- 🐾 Boston, Massachusetts
- 🐾 Breitenbush Hot Springs
- 🐾 Brooklyn, New York
- 🐾 Capilano Suspension Bridge
- 🐾 Chihuly Garden and Glass
- 🐾 Cologne, Germany
- 🐾 Denver, Colorado
- 🐾 Disneyland
- 🐾 Grants Pass, Oregon
- 🐾 Hollywood Walk of Fame
- 🐾 Houston, Texas
- 🐾 Las Vegas, Nevada
- 🐾 Liberty Bell and Independence Hall
- 🐾 Manhattan, New York
- 🐾 Maui, Hawaii
- 🐾 Olympic National Forest
- 🐾 Pender Island, British Columbia
- 🐾 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- 🐾 Pike Place Market
- 🐾 Salt Spring Island, British Columbia
- 🐾 Scotch Plains, New Jersey
- 🐾 Scranton, Pennsylvania
- 🐾 Seattle Aquarium
- 🐾 Seattle Reign games
- 🐾 Seattle Seakhawks games
- 🐾 Seattle Sounders games
- 🐾 Stanley Park, Vancouver
- 🐾 Whidbey Island, Washington

The Other Half of the Service Dog Partnership

By Celeste Macevicius

There is a particularly special aspect of having a service dog that often goes unacknowledged. In fact, in our efforts to laud our service dogs with all the praise they definitely deserve, we leave out a key part of the story – the handler. While it is true that our dogs do so many important things for us, the relationship is more than the dog helping us. Service dog handlers have a huge role to play in making the partnership successful. Meeting the dog's physical, emotional, and social needs; keeping up the dog's training; and dealing with the public are just some examples of the many responsibilities of the handler. However, I am not trying to say that this aspect of having a service dog is a drawback. Rather, I want to argue that it is one of the uniquely special aspects of service dog life.

People with chronic illnesses and disabilities require extra help in their lives, and too often this help is provided in a way in which something is done to them. For example, a person might be examined by a doctor, put on a medication, or picked up by a Handy Dart Bus. In these cases, a capable person is responsible for doing something to another person. With service dogs, the process is collaborative. The handler is put in the role of the capable person, becoming responsible for working with their dog to achieve something together.

With my service dog, I am not the patient or the client, I am the partner. We become independent together. "Independent together" may sound like an oxymoron – how can one be independent with someone else? – but I don't believe it is. Nothing in this world is truly independent, everything is interconnected in complex, interdependent systems. So independence has to be defined on a relative scale. For many people, that means being able to do things like ride a bus, go to work, and do errands alone (though still with support from family, friends, and coworkers). For me, independence means being able to do things like ride a bus, go to work, and do errands alone with my dog.

In fact, one dictionary definition of independence is "not influenced or controlled by others in matters of opinion, conduct, etc.; thinking or acting for oneself." Humans tend to be very susceptible to influencing or controlling the thoughts and behaviours of others, even when they mean well. Dogs, in their ever-adoring state of happy loyalty, do not have that susceptibility. With this definition, I can be with a helper, while thinking and acting for myself. Self-direction, autonomy, independence.

When I look at my partnership, I am not just grateful for it, I am proud of it too. It is something I have worked hard at, with my dog. I help her and she helps me. We are partners, together.

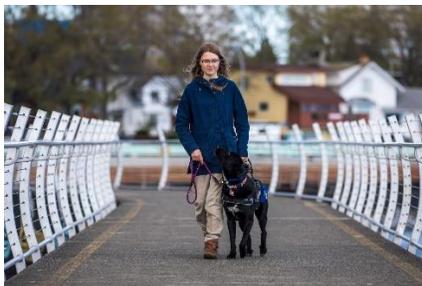


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Achieving Accreditation



This year, Brigadoon had to undergo the re-accreditation process with Assistance Dogs International (ADI). ADI is an international organization that sets standards of excellence for service dog training and partnership, and accredits service dog programs that meet those high standards. Brigadoon was fully accredited in 2012, and now re-accredited in 2017! Thank you to Andie Stillman for her incredible long hours and hard work she put in so we could get accredited. It never would have happened without her.

There are many benefits to being an ADI accredited organization. For example, the ADI Breeding Cooperative is an initiative facilitated by ADI that coordinates the breeding of dogs from different member agencies. This allows for dogs with healthy, good tempered genetic lines to be mixed with new lines to diversify and strengthen the service dog population. This year, Brigadoon received 3 ADI breeding cooperative puppies and hosted an ADI litter. British Columbian Brigadoon clients also benefit from Brigadoon's ADI accreditation, since dogs from ADI accredited schools are automatically certified by the province's service dog certification program. Most importantly, ADI accreditation affirms and makes known Brigadoon's commitment to training and placing service dogs to the highest standard. With reaccreditation, we renew our efforts to continue this mission.

2017 Fall Graduates



We graduated 5 new teams this fall!

Our team training graduates are (left-right): Peyton and Max, Fredy and Rye, Tim and Apache and Joell and Andy. Malissa and Apple also graduated this fall. Congratulations to all of our new teams!

Celebrate Christmas with All Your Family Members!

The holiday season is a time to get together with family. For many of us, our family includes our dogs. Yet many holiday celebrations can be very strange or even stressful for dogs. For example, carollers at the door, inflatable ornaments on people's lawns, and trees in the house are all experiences that can be new and scary for a dog. Socializing and training your dog can help them to enjoy the holidays with you. In addition to enjoying human holiday traditions, here are some fun ways to let your dog relax and have some fun:

Treat your dog to a bully stick while you enjoy holiday sweets

Make carolling, walks to see the Christmas lights, and snow play into opportunities to exercise your dog

Bake cookies for your dogs! Many yummy recipes exist online

Create a special place (such as a room or crate) for your dog to retreat to when visitors are over. Add nice blankets and a special toy

Create a stocking for your dog to open themselves

Take your dog to visit a pet-friendly Santa and send the photos to friends and family. Many animal shelters and pet stores host Santa pet photos

Brigadoon's Christmas Wish List

What is Brigadoon asking for this Christmas? As a non-profit, we have many needs. In addition to much-needed cash donations (<http://www.brigadoondogs.org/donate>), here are some things we would love to get from real live donor elves!

- 🐾 Nylabones
- 🐾 Greenies Pill Pockets (chicken flavor)
- 🐾 Bleach
- 🐾 Liquid dish soap (1 gallon)
- 🐾 Paper towel (Bounty or Brawny)
- 🐾 Jenny O turkey franks
- 🐾 PetCo and Pet Smart gift cards
- 🐾 Fairhaven, Northshore, and Kulshan Vet gift cards
- 🐾 First class postage stamps
- 🐾 Laundry detergent (1 gallon)
- 🐾 Nature's Miracle Oxy Formula Dual Action Stain & Odor Remover (1 gallon)
- 🐾 20# white copy paper
- 🐾 Swiffer duster pads
- 🐾 Clorox Cleaning wipes
- 🐾 Costco, Amazon, Home Depot, Lowes, Fred Meyer, Office Max, Haggen's, or Safeway gift cards

Prison Program Press

A Special Brigadoon Barker Feature

This special new feature will showcase news & views from our prison programs.

Prison Puppies to Service Dog Graduates

This December, Denise will be visiting the prison programs to bring back 5 dogs. These dogs will go through their final phase of training before graduating in our upcoming spring team training.

The dogs are:

- 🐕 Cannonball – a male black lab mix
- 🐕 Oakley – a male, cream Goldendoodle
- 🐕 Jude – a male black lab mix
- 🐕 Beaumont – a male, black Goldendoodle
- 🐕 Amber – a female, red mixed breed

What Have You Gotten Out of This Program?

Cedar Creek Trainers Respond

I have been in the program since March 13th 2016 and have realized how alike we are to dogs' behaviors. The way we react to others through the energy and body language. Dogs feel our energy and will act accordingly to how we behave. If I am feeling low or agitated, the dog will behave that way. He/she won't listen or be hesitant to react to my commands. Those are the worst times to train. It can and will set the dog back.

The best training I can give is when I am being animated with a high-pitched voice. The dog will respond better with enthusiasm.

I have learned that working with others and communicating how many different approaches there are in training and you find what best suits you to get the most out of a dog.

All of this has helped me to be able to read others as well.

Being in this program has allowed me to grow and pay attention to my feelings and energy, and now better to manage them.

It is a huge success when I have a dog that I teach from beginning to end and know confidently he/she will pass. It really builds up my self-esteem and confidence in ways I never imagined.

Knowing that what I do in here can make such a difference to many people's lives that need the help that can only come from the love a dog can give is a reward in itself.

Darin Armstrong

Taking Dogs to Task

One of the key parts of the Americans with Disability Act's definition of service dogs - dogs that are individually trained to do work or perform tasks for people with disabilities – is that the dog must “do work or perform tasks.” This key part differentiates service dogs from emotional support animals and pets. A service dog must be trained to do things that mitigate their handler's disability (“mitigate” means to lessen the impacts of something).

So true service dogs must perform tasks for their handler, and these tasks must help to address the impacts of the handler's specific disability.

There are many different tasks a service dog can be trained to do. A dog's tasks depend on the person's needs. Here are just some examples of tasks service dogs can perform:

- 🐾 For conditions that limit mobility: Turning on lights, picking up dropped items, opening and closing doors/drawers, pushing handicap buttons, bracing to help support a person when they have fallen, providing physical balance, carrying items, pulling off socks, and more
- 🐾 For diabetes: Alerting to low blood sugar, bringing juice and other needed supplies, getting help (a phone or a family member)
- 🐾 For PTSD: Interrupting nightmares and providing comfort, medication reminders, creating space in public, watching the person's back in public, alerting to anxiety
- 🐾 For deafness/hardness of hearing: Alerting to sounds (door, fire alarm, etc.)
- 🐾 For autism: Deep pressure therapy (the dog lies across a child to calm them), preventing wandering (keeping a child connected to the dog, alerting parents when child wanders), interrupting and redirecting distress

Breed Profile: Poodles



Brigadoon uses a wide array of dog breeds. Meet one breed we train, the poodle!

Original purpose: Duck hunting

Size: 4-6 lbs (toy), 10-15 lbs (miniature), 40-50 lbs (female standard), 60-70 lbs (male standard)

Temperament: Intelligent, trainable, alert, lively, proud

Significance as Service Dogs: Poodles are frequently used as service dogs, because of their high intelligence and because of their non-shedding coat. While not truly hypoallergenic, this coat can allow those with mild-moderate dog allergies to still have a service dog.

Fun Fact: The name “poodle” originated from the word “Pudelhund” in German, which roughly translates into “dog that splashes about”

Brigadoon Poodles: Minx, Mr. Chips, Ruby

Fun Page!

Find Some of Brigadoon's Puppies in Training!

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Trivia: Dogs vs. Humans

	Humans	Dogs
Sleep/day	8 hours	10.1 hours
Hearing	20-20 000 Hz	67-45 000 Hz
Vision	190° field of vision Red, blue, green color receptors Stronger visual acuity	250° field of vision Yellow and blue color receptors Stronger night and motion vision
Smell	6 million scent receptors	300 million scent receptors Extra "smell organ" can smell pheromones – scent messages
Taste	9000 taste buds	1700 taste buds
Body temperature	98.6° F	101-102.5° F
Heart rate	60-100 beats per minute	60-100 beats per minutes (for large dogs)