

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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A note from Executive Director Denise CoStanten

Happy Summer Everyone!

First of all, a big shout out to all our friends, volunteers and financial supporters. Without you, Brigadoon Service Dogs could not, would not exist! You all have helped me keep my vision and Brigadoon's mission moving forward to continue providing service dogs to those in our community with disabilities. THANK YOU from the bottom of my heart. Our community has given us encouragement, time, dollars and resources that are invaluable to our ability to continue. Individuals, public agencies and businesses have joined our efforts and I'm pleased and grateful to keep building those relationships with you.



We are now in our 18th year serving individuals with disabilities ranging from PTSD to hearing loss to autism to mobility; adults and children; veterans and civilians. It continues to be an honor to provide service dogs that mitigate injuries, promote independence and change lives.

This pandemic has taught us all to value our time together and to communicate in different ways. We're excited to put that together in our annual gala with options for both a virtual and in-person auction. We'd love to see your faces and hope you'll be able to join us at the Bellwether Hotel on September 11, but however you join us, we'll be happy to have your engagement.

"Offering a Helping Paw"

With Gratitude,
Denise

COVID 19 and Brigadoon Service Dogs

People often call to see if we are still able to do business during all the COVID challenges we've all faced this past year and a half. We're happy to say the answer is yes! The dogs don't know there is a pandemic, so they keep growing, both in stature and in skills. The effects that we have experienced are:

Challenges:

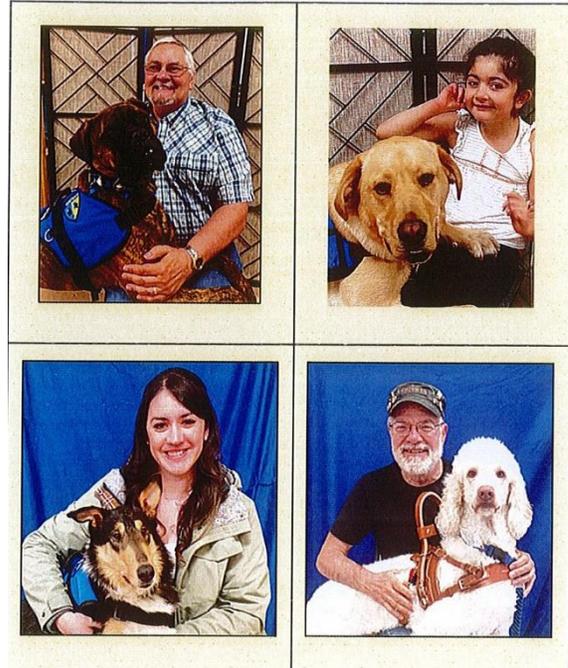
- We work with four prisons where skilled inmate trainers guide the dogs through their intermediate training. With over 6,000 cases of COVID in the corrections system, at one time or another, three out of the four prisons were locked down for extended periods of time. During lockdown all dogs come back to Brigadoon, so our staff trainers had their hands *full*.
- Volunteers, essential to Brigadoon's success in so many ways, were not able to come on our campus from April 2020 to June 2021. Losing those dedicated individuals who chop treats, bathe dogs, play with dogs, raise puppies, help clean and represent BSD at public events left a real gap.
- Obtaining dogs was more difficult. [Shelter Animals Count](#), which runs a database that tracks shelter and rescue activity, looked at pet adoptions during the pandemic. The group, which tracks about 500 rescue organizations across the country, recorded 26,000 more pet adoptions in 2020 than in the year before — a rise of about 15 percent. In April, near the beginning of the pandemic, it saw the national pet adoption rate jump 34 percent over the same time a year earlier, according to the group's "[Covid-19 Impact Report](#)." This was wonderful news as dogs and cats were adopted so fast, shelters were empty at times! The impact for us, however, was we received less donations from breeders, because they had waiting lists for people who wanted to adopt their puppies.
- Training the dogs in public places was a challenge with all the closures and precautions. We got creative and found places that worked, giving the dogs enough exposure to different scenes to continue their skill-building.
- Client home visits went virtual and team training was shortened by a week and we trained fewer teams at a time to minimize exposure. A couple of our clients had to defer their spots until later for health reasons or because of the border closure in B.C.
- Our annual fundraising event became a virtual online silent and live auction, not as much fun as this year's in person event will be, but we were very grateful for all the participation and the generous donations.

The good news:

- Brigadoon added 16 dogs to join our training program. Through generous donations from breeders and owners, some purchases and our own Clementine's litter in February, we now have:
Asher, Astra, Aurora, Autumn, Bolt, Cache, Chanel, Clay, Cypress, Elliott, Enoki, Enzo, Evan, Flyer, Stout and Voyager.

- Brigadoon graduated 18 teams in the last one and a half years:

Dog/Handler
Paddington/Michael
Jackson/Casey
Davie/Melissa
Sir/Jon
Painter/Peyton
Juniper/Seraphina
Biscuit/Achille
Mark/Richard
Frankie/Efrem
Spencer/Robert
Hamilton/Vanessa
Noah/Thora
Brenna/Robin
Rudder/Tamar
Coalman/Andrey
Bounce/Earl
Drake/Chloe
Drifter/Vikki



Brigadoon continued to thrive despite COVID-19 thanks to supporters like you!

**BIG BIG THANK YOU TO:
TROOP 4007 WITH SPECIAL THANKS TO KAI LEEDY**

As part of troop member Kai Leedy's Eagle Scout Project, this group has taken on the project of improving drainage and reconfiguring the potty areas from 6 yards to 10 yards. This project is much needed, giving better access and drier surfaces for the handlers and dogs.



Brigadoon's House of Puppies is taking shape! Thanks to Gary Gibb of Gary's Plumbing & Heating, LLC for his time and enthusiasm and for recruiting George Zook Construction, who has donated countless hours to constructing our new puppy center. With a shout-out to George Zook, Gary's Plumbing, and Mt Baker Roofing we'll be in full use by this fall and ready for those roly-poly puppies.



DOG SEPARATION ANXIETY

How about you? Were you able to work from home during the pandemic? Did you bring a new animal into your life and/or spend lots of extra time with a current pet?

If you will start leaving home again for longer periods of time, you can help your pet cope with the separation anxiety they may feel with your absence.

Separation anxiety in dogs stems from the species' unique bond with humans, says James Ha, Ph.D., certified applied animal behaviorist, professor, and author of "Dog Behavior: Modern Science and Our Canine Companions."

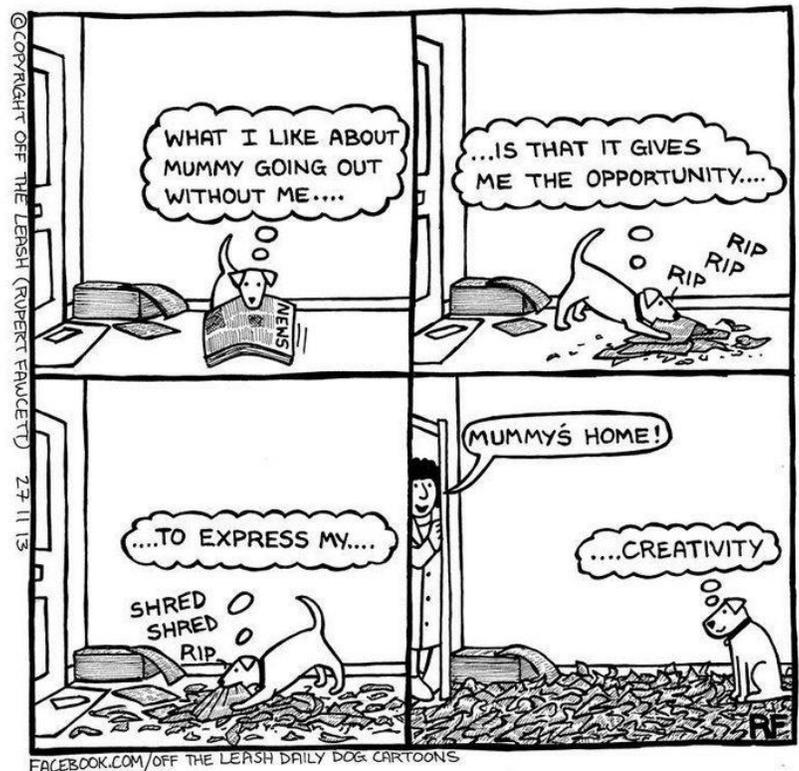
It's only natural for a dog to form a strong bond with the people he spends the most time with. However, if this bond is too strong or unhealthy, then the possibility exists for the dog to experience extreme anxiety when their owner leaves home. This anxiety is created by the separation of the dog from the owner.

He may be happy for 5 minutes, chewing on his KONG and lying in his bed, Dr. Ha says. But a few minutes later, he might start pacing, barking, and salivating. And that's where the training to reduce anxiety begins. You will need to start extending the times when you're away. Start with being away for 5 minutes then come back. The next couple of times stay away for 10 minutes and then come back. Make sure during the training process that you do not leave your dog totally home alone. Find a dog sitter, dog daycare, or friend or family member to be there when you leave so that he/she doesn't experience that fear or anxiety. It can be tedious, but it works."

Once the dog feels calm and comfortable staying at home alone for short periods of time, enrichment toys—like puzzle toys, KONG toys like the KONG Classic stuffed with peanut butter, and other safe chew toys can help reward and occupy your pup.

Separation anxiety is the clinical diagnosis applied to behavioral issues that have one thing in common: the dog is left behind by its human. Do everything you can to help minimize the impact to them.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UfZoKPPrjwU>



Welcome, Shawn!

Brigadoon welcomes Shawn Crincoli to our training team.



Shawn is passionate about service dog training and is excited to be joining the team at Brigadoon Service Dogs. Shawn Crincoli (he/him) is a certified graduate (KPA CTP) of the Dog Trainer Professional program at the Karen Pryor Academy for Animal Training & Behavior (KPA) and a certified professional dog trainer-knowledge assessed (CPDT-KA) through the Certification Council for Professional Dog Trainers (CCPDT).

Prior to becoming a full-time dog trainer five years ago, Shawn was a tenured law professor. For fifteen years, Shawn taught complex legal subjects (to rave reviews). During this time, Shawn also devoted nearly a decade to caring for and training dogs, increasingly taking on greater responsibilities as a volunteer. He volunteered in animal care and rescue, as a service dog puppy raiser, and as the human half of an animal-assisted therapy dog team. He also volunteered within the LGBTQIA+ and Jewish communities and as an ice hockey coach, including as a coach for athletes with disabilities.

While volunteering, Shawn witnessed how many people were still waiting to be partnered with their future service dogs. He felt driven to be able to serve more clients and train more future service dogs. As his knowledge and skills increased, Shawn decided to leave academia and make the leap to full-time service dog-training. In 2016, Shawn followed his passion and started working as an assistant trainer in the non-profit assistance dog sector. In 2018, He founded his own company (Shawn of the Dogs, LLC), focusing on helping human-canine teams succeed both at home and in public, Shawn continued to work with service dogs-in-training and their handlers, as well as expanding his business to include both dogs working in therapeutic settings and companion dogs.

As a self-professed “dog training geek,” Shawn maintains professional memberships in leading organizations, such as the International Association of Animal Behavior Consultants (IAABC), the Animal Training Academy (ATA), and the Pet Professional Guild (PPG). Shawn is committed to continuing education and regularly attends conferences and workshops for animal training professionals.

Shawn recently moved to Bellingham from Kenmore, WA with his Poodle-ish companion dog, Fozzie Bear. When he’s not geeking out about animal behavior science, he enjoys comedy, pop culture, science fiction, volunteering, and exploring in nature with Fozzie.

Thank You to All of Our First Half of 2021 Donors!

At *Brigadoon*, we want to do a better job of thanking individuals, business owners and foundational leaders ... people like YOU who contribute and help further our mission.

Special thanks goes to our first two quarter donors (January 1 - June 30, 2021)

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2021 Brigadoon Auction - Hybrid Event
 Saturday, September 11, 2021

Our **VIRTUAL** Online Auction
 begins 8am Monday morning, Sept 6 and ends Saturday night, Sept 11
 in tandem with our **IN-PERSON** Live Auction.

Our **LIVE** Auction

Our **IN-PERSON** Auction Dinner Event is Saturday, Sept 11, 2021

5:30pm - Doors open and Silent Auction

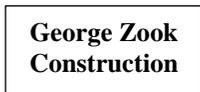
6:45pm - Dinner

7:30pm - Program & Live Auction

Bellwether Hotel Ballroom in Bellingham

www.brigadoondogs.org/2021auction

Our special guests: **Matt Lorch** (our auctioneer), and **Clay** from Tails of Clay



Special **THANK YOU** to our Business Sponsors! There's still time to join: brigadoondogs.org/be-a-sponsor

A Wish List of the Things - We ALWAYS Need!

NylaBone Dura Chew Bones: Super Chew for Large dogs

Collars with quick releases

Probiotics

Peanut butter - creamy

High value treats for training – Jenny-O Turkey Franks for example, Mozzarella String Cheese, goldfish crackers, freeze dried meat or cheese

Find the words about **Dog jobs**, listed below, in the word search grid. Circle each letter one by one. Each letter of the dog word search grid may be used in more than one word. **When the word search puzzle is complete, read the remaining letters left to right, top to bottom, to learn an interesting fact about a dog job.**

Dog Jobs Word Search Puzzle

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DOG JOBS WORD LIST

ACTING	MASCOT
CADAVER DOGS	POLICE DOGS
COMPANION	PROTECTION
DETECTION	RACING
DRUG SNIFFER	SEARCH AND RESCUE
GUARD	SEIZURE ALERT
GUIDE	SHOW DOGS
HEARING	SLED DOGS
HERDING	THERAPY
HUNTING	TRACKING