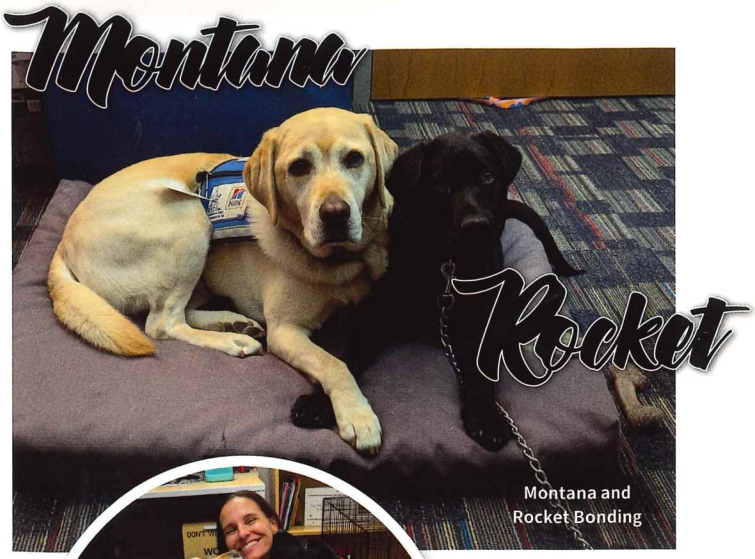
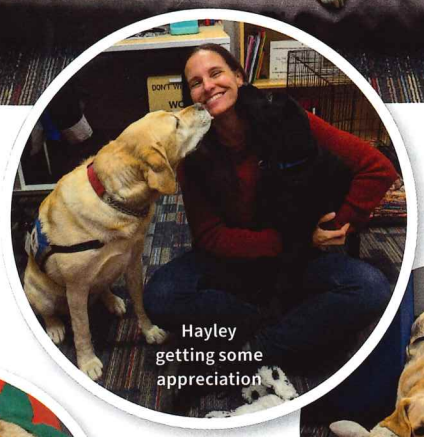
Rocket/Montana- Facility Dog/ Puppy-in-Training

PET CORNER // *By Haley Van Amburg*



Montana and Rocket Bonding


Hayley getting some appreciation

Montana Snuggling with Stuffed Animal

Montana Dressed in Halloween Gear

Montana worn out from a long day of work

Rocket Ready for Training!

This month, we meet Rocket and Montana. They are a facility dog and puppy-in-training with Seaman School District Counselor, Hayley Van Amburg. Thanks for sharing with us, Hayley! Here is what Hayley had to say about Rocket and Montana:

"Montana and Rocket are both from KSDS Assistance Dogs in Washington, KS. The mission of KSDS Assistance Dogs, Inc. is to provide professionally trained guide, service, and facility dogs for people in need of a canine partner to enhance their independence, to fully function in society, and/or to enrich their professional career responsibilities with ongoing support of our trainers to ensure proficient working partnerships.

Montana was placed with me in 2022 as a Facility Dog. I describe a Facility Dog as a therapy dog for an entire building, as opposed to just one person. You might see Facility Dogs at libraries, in hospitals, at courthouses, or in schools, among other places. To become a Facility Dog, Montana underwent the same rigorous health, temperament, and obedience testing as guide and service dogs. She must remain calm, friendly, and responsive to voice commands and is trained to interact appropriately with children, adults, seniors, and people with mobility challenges. Montana started out working with me at State Street Elementary in Topeka. We are in our third year at Seaman High School. I don't know who loves her more- the students or the teachers! I usually tell people that Montana has the softest ears, the biggest heart, and the worst breath of any dog around.

Rocket is part of the Puppy Raising program. I got him at the very end of August. He just turned 4 months old today! As part of the Puppy Raising program, I will socialize Rocket and teach him basic manners and commands, as well as handling the cost for vaccinations and vet bills. When Rocket reaches the appropriate age (varying from 16-20 months), he will be returned to the KSDS campus for formal training to become a guide, facility, or service dog. Rocket is deeply into the T-Rex puppy stage of development, and no shoelaces or backpack straps are safe from his shark teeth! Despite the teething, he is also very affectionate and has not found a lap he won't sit in."

Hayley Van Amburg
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