Volunteer puppy raisers are the heart of KSDS. They open their heart, soul, and homes to eight week old puppies, and for the next 18 months they give the puppy a safe home, teach it basic obedience, manners, and provide socialization opportunities. This puppy will soon learn to love and trust you.

Puppy raisers are creating a gift that will be given away free to someone else, changing that person’s life forever. Because the puppy was taught to love and trust by the puppy raiser it is able to become a working assistance dog.

KSDS needs puppy raisers. In December of 2016 we will have approximately 20 new puppies that need puppy raisers. We invite you to become that person. You can find our puppy raiser application on our website www.ksds.org or call us at 785-325-2256.
BRENT BORING RESIGNING AS KSDS Co-CEO

Brent Boring of Manhattan, Kansas has been a part of the KSDS family for over 20 years. Brent joined the Board of Directors in 2001 and became Co-CEO in 2014. In addition, he and his wife Marcia are raising their 13th puppy, Bailey. When Marcia retires this fall, Brent has decided to resign as CEO so that they have more freedom to travel. We are saddened that Brent will not be CEO, but he has agreed to continue as a member of the Board of Directors. And of course, there is Miss Bailey who will continue to be their pride and joy as a breeder for KSDS.

As you and Marcia (and Bailey) embark on a new phase of your life, please know that we wish you “happy and safe travels.”

WELCOME NEW Co-CEO

KSDS welcomes Sandy Bartkoski of Seneca, KS as Co-CEO beginning in September 2016. Sandy is a puppy raiser (PR) and is presently raising Clutch her eighth KSDS puppy in training (PIT). Sandy heard about KSDS from an article in the Wichita Eagle over 20 years ago. Due to the poor health of her parents, she waited until 2006 to begin raising her first pup, Watkins. She has been involved as a PR, a supporter and volunteer ever since. She presently serves on the Puppy Raiser Advisory Committee. Sandy, along with her husband Bob, enjoy gardening, golfing and assisting Bob’s elderly parents to remain in their home.

Sandy brings to KSDS over 35 years of school counseling experience including administrative responsibilities. She received her B.S. degree from Fort Hays State University and her M.S. degree from Kansas State University. Her administrative certification was earned at FHSU. Sandy is excited to continue her involvement with the KSDS family.

Sandy stated, “KSDS is an outstanding organization with an admirable mission. Over the years, I have witnessed how these canine partners change the lives of their partners. In fact, these pups start changing lives even before they are ever placed into service. They touch the hearts of prisoners at the Topeka Correctional Facility and the children and adults they meet at schools and community functions during socialization activities. These dogs go on to impress upon the trainers and other KSDS staff how important their work is in preparing these four-legged partners. And, then there are the volunteers including puppy raisers who have loved these babies and turned them back in with the hope that they will become the forever partner for that special graduate. If you have ever attended a graduation, you know that your heart and life will never be the same. It is truly a blessing that I have received the opportunity to serve as Co-CEO along with Glenda Keller.”

RANDY TESKE JOINS KSDS BOARD

Randy Teske from Pratt, KS knows a thing or two about what KSDS has to offer through its canine training programs. You see Randy and his guide dog, Marco, graduated in October of 2014 and he’s been sharing his awesome story about trainer Deb Tegethoff and his wonderful canine partner ever since.

While attending a Prairie Independent Living gathering in Hutchinson, Randy met Bob Lucus and his guide dog Indigo. Bob was excited about what his dog could do to help him be more independent. Randy said, “Prove it to me…” and after observing this partnership Randy said, “Sign me up!”

Randy and his wife Susan have proven to be outstanding representatives for KSDS by sharing his story with various civic groups such as Lions Clubs, Rotary Clubs, PEO Groups, a Pilot Club as well as library and school groups. When asked what he most wanted to share with others about KSDS, Randy stated that it’s critical that people contribute to the financial stability of this organization so that more dogs can be placed with those who need these special dogs. And we need more puppy raisers, “puppy raisers are just Angels.”

Because of his personal experiences and his dedication to KSDS, the logical next step was for him to join the KSDS Board of Directors on January 2016. His leadership and insight into disability awareness makes him a perfect fit. Welcome Randy to the Board and thank you for sharing your time…your energy…and your wisdom with the KSDS family.
KANSAS STATE FAIR
HERE WE COME!!!

KSDS will have a 10' x 20' booth #13-14 inside the Pride of Kansas building during the Kansas State Fair to be held September 9th through the 18th. Booths are open from 9am to 9pm daily.

KSDS is looking for puppy raisers and graduates to help tell the KSDS story at the fair. Shifts are scheduled in 3 hour blocks of time for the volunteers – 9am to Noon; Noon to 3pm; 3pm to 6pm; and 6pm to 9pm. We are hoping to have a minimum of two volunteers each shift.

Please find the application form on the KSDS facebook page or on the following page of this publication for all the information and requirements you must comply with to help out at the fair!

If you have questions about volunteer work at the Fair, please contact KSDS at (785) 325-2256 or (kds@kds.org). Like us on Facebook and watch for the 2016 Kansas State Fair Event notification.

The RCAT Paratransit bus shown here will pick up for $2.00 at Poplar and 20th Ave, while the Fixed Route bus will pick up for $.50 at Main and 20th Ave, and also at Poplar and 17th Ave. See RCAT schedules, Routes and fees at renogov.org/222/Reno-County-Area-Transit-Rcat

2015 Kansas State Fair Recap

We would like to give a special thank you to Larry and Joan Doskocil for providing lodging for the first year of the Kansas State Fair. This generous offer allowed KSDS to lessen the financial burden of the First Kansas State Fair show. We also would like to thank an anonymous donor for paying the rental fee to store the exhibit at the Fairgrounds for a year. We would also like to thank Connie Johnson with the City of Hutchinson for airing KSDS information on the Hutchinson Welcome Channel over the year. We are humbled at the hundreds of hours that the KSDS family donated and all the hours the KSDS staff were away from home to make the Fair a truly tremendous event.

We would like to thank the many non-KSDS anonymous persons who helped with the building of the booth. Thank you all from KSDS!

Listed below are some of the Major accomplishments of the first Show:

- 67 names added to newsletter list
- 2 completed Puppy raiser applications
- 31 Puppy raiser application inquiries
- 1 completed Career change application
- 3 completed Facility applications requests
- 6 completed Service application requests
- 11 people requested Service applications
- 8 people requested Career change applications
- 8 people requested Facility dog applications

- 1 person requested information about becoming a trainer
- 8 requests for tours and/or a program
- 3 people requested Guide applications
- 4 contacts about donating a dog
- 1 contact about donating agility equipment
- Received $5,575 in cash donations
- 41 group recognized KSDS for 25 years of Service

Marketing collateral distributed:
- 8,000 KSDS pencils
- 4,225 Pathway newsletters
- 3,000 KSDS Program brochures
- 198,760 Various KSDS bookmarks
- 330 of the 442 page Paralysis Resource Guide

Thank you all from KSDS!

Husker Harvest Days is a 3 day event being held from September 13th to September 16th, 2016 in Grand Island, Nebraska. KSDS Inc. will have an exhibit table in the Hospitality Booth at the 2016 event. We will have several dogs with us to demonstrate how our dogs are trained to assist people with disabilities. The Prime exhibitors of the event are the top suppliers of irrigation equipment and agricultural related products in the world. Last year over 90,000 people attended Husker Harvest Days.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED from 8am-5:00pm each day to help with the booth. Give Glenda a call at (785-325-2256) or email her at gkeller@KSDS.org, if you can help at the booth any one of the three days.

For more information and detailed directions, go to huskerharvestdays.com.
Special request for KSDS Volunteers and Donations

KSDS ASSISTANCE DOGS, INC
120 West 7th Street, Washington, KS  66968 Phone 785-325-2256

Kansas State Fair, September 9-18, 2016

Events and concerts can be found at kansasstatefair.com

Volunteer name: _____________________________

Canine name: _____________________________

Address: __________________________________

City St, Zip: ________________________________

Volunteer information sheet
Fair Dates for Public are Sept 9th thru 18th

Best time to call? ____________________________

Home Phone: ________________________________

Cell Phone: _________________________________

E-mail: ______________________________________

Please mark below in the 3 hour time blocks your preferences
If needed, I am available
I would like to work
Tell me when you need me
I would be available to help others

Please E-mail completed form to ksdss@ksds.org

PLEASE NOTE: On Thursday, Sept 8th and Monday Sept 19th, volunteers need to be able to lift and carry as it is set up; tear down; and clean-up days!!!

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Number of Tickets needed
1 ticket per day per person

Transportation to & from Fair in Hutchinson

Other Fair concerns you might have are:

1. All dogs must have a health certificate within 30 days of the day attending the Fair.
2. All dogs must wear a cape and have a special badge issued by the Kansas State Fair.
3. Wear your favorite KSDS shirt and have KSDS identification with you!

We wish to Thank You in advance for your help!

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 the ongoing support of our trainers to ensure proficient working partnerships.
JILL LEWIS  
BISSELL - FACILITY  
Jill Lewis from Mulvane, KS attended facility dog class at KSDS in March, 2015 and met her new partner, Bissell, a yellow Labrador from the Vacuum litter.  

As a teacher at Oaklawn Elementary School, Jill teaches dyslexic students, is a literacy coach, and works in teachers’ classrooms during reading to help struggling students. Bissell will go with Jill into these classrooms. Bissell’s job will be to sit with students, calm them, let them stroke his fur and provide an atmosphere of love and acceptance. Bissell will also provide a calm, soothing environment for the adults who have already said they will be visiting her room for some “doggie lovin.”  

Jill says, “My dog, Bissell, is amazing. What captivated my heart is the character of every staff member at KSDS. Every person I encountered is a true servant and has a genuine heart for dogs and the people they serve. I truly believe each of them have been called by God to make a difference in the lives of the people they touch. This group of professionals is truly a family and shares a common bond like none I’ve ever seen before. They have taken me into their family and blessed me beyond measure. I’ve told my friends how overwhelming it is to be handed the keys to a $25,000 dog; room and board for 6 days; one-on-one training; and a new family free of cost to me. How do I EVER pay back a blessing like that? Bissell’s puppy raiser is Jerilynn Bayless of Terre Haute, IN.  

See related article by Jake Trease about Jill and Bissell in the Derby Informer posted March 26, 2015.
Joyce Brown, of Topeka, KS, attended fall class at KSDS to receive her service dog, Peru, a yellow Labrador. Joyce has lived in Topeka for nine years.

Joyce knows that with Peru’s help, she will be more active and independent in Topeka. Joyce says, “All places are more accessible when you have a service dog. It’s like having a portable handrail and a third hand when he carries objects for me.”

Peru is a successor dog for Joyce.

Joyce chose KSDS because it was recommended to her by a friend, and the fact that KSDS is a fully accredited member of Assistance Dogs International, and she likes the community of Washington.

Joyce has more accessibility and confidence with Peru’s help. Peru helps Joyce with balance and says people are friendlier because they are curious about Peru and how he helps her.

Joyce describes her experience in Washington as wonderful, peaceful, with quiet surroundings. “It was truly amazing that not only the KSDS employees, volunteers, and supporters are so helpful, but the entire community treated us as long-time friends.”

Peru’s puppy raiser is Susan Jones, of Gore, OK.

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Marjorie Foster, of Wellington, KS, returned to KSDS this past fall to receive her third service dog, Chelsea, a black Labrador. Marjorie doesn’t let her medical issues control where she goes or what she does. She’s been told by several people that she wears them out! Chelsea helps Marjorie manage her daily tasks. “Chelsea will inspire me to do my best every day,” says Marjorie. She stated that “Chelsea has put breath back into her heart and she is not alone. She has someone beside her. The love our dogs give us is impossible to tell others about who have never walked through life as a team.”

Marjorie says she has watched great changes being made at KSDS; not just the great accessible apartment, but WOW… the meals provided by the local churches and organizations were wonderful!

Marjorie says her goals are to fine tune the commands they have learned during the KSDS classes, build the strongest bond together as a positive team, and show Chelsea she is loved.

Marjorie described her experience at KSDS as wonderful. She is touched by the caring and compassion of all the staff at KSDS and the community of Washington. “I feel very lucky to be a part of the KSDS family for over 19 years.”

Without the puppy raisers, this would not be possible. You love them; you teach them; and then give them back. I couldn’t do what you do. You have helped me live alone and helped me maintain my independence.

Chelsea’s puppy raisers are Jeane Meyer and Keith Chrostowski of Parkville, MO.

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Melissa Kopf, from Topeka, KS came to KSDS to meet her new canine partner, Hudson, a black Labrador. This was a new experience for her as Hudson was her first assistance dog.

Melissa looks forward to being more active and continuing her job with the help of Hudson. Melissa is a social worker at Kansas Children’s Service League, and she hopes to obtain her clinical license to provide therapy.

Melissa feels that having a service dog will allow her to advocate for people with disabilities, to do programs and promote KSDS.

Hudson was opening doors and retrieving items for Melissa along with helping Melissa become more independent and active. She chose KSDS because it is ADI accredited and located close to her home.

Melissa’s desire to have a service dog was initially about preserving her independence, but has now become every bit as much about her dog. She knows that she and Hudson are a team and her love and compassion for him grows more as they develop as a partnership. Melissa believes Hudson was chosen for her because he loves to retrieve and is always looking for something to pick up.

“The staff at KSDS is really passionate about what they are doing. They live out their mission. During my training, they’ve worked long days and were available anytime I needed something or had a question. I have great respect for that and I would have no concerns referring others to them,” says Melissa.

Hudson was raised by Bob and Sandy Bartkoski of Seneca, KS.
Jessica Seiler is a high school counselor from Andale, KS. Jessica attended Facility class late summer of 2015 and received her dog, Jamaica, a yellow Labrador. Jessica first learned about KSDS online and graduated with her first dog, Poppy. Poppy is now retired, and Jamaica has stepped in to assist Jessica.

Jessica is using Jamaica in the counseling department at Eisenhower High School in Goddard, KS. Jamaica will be used in group and individual counseling as well as classroom guidance. Jamaica is used daily helping students that struggle with anxiety and depression. There are over 900 students in this building.

Jessica speaks of her experience at KSDS and says, “KSDS has been wonderful from the very beginning of this process! KSDS continues to give the gift of independence and companionship with every single dog that is placed. KSDS really is changing lives! Jamaica and I are high energy and we both love children. She and I are the most loyal buddies you will ever meet.”

The name of Jamaica’s volunteer puppy raiser is Dr. Yolanda Gray-Furman of Fort Scott, KS.

Elaine Watson was excited to meet her new guide dog, a golden retriever named King. Elaine loves grooming King and he loves her beautiful fenced in backyard.

During this team’s training in Hays, KS they worked on routes to the eye doctor and medical doctor that are both near Elaine’s home. They worked at Walmart, restaurants, church, Orschelins and learned how to ride the public transportation bus to go to the Senior Center for lunch. The team was a big hit at all of these places.

The team traveled to Washington for the last few days of training to work in an area outside of their comfort zone. Attending graduation and meeting King’s puppy raiser Jenna Reid of Salina, KS rounded out their training time.

Elaine’s goals are to bond well with King, learn all of the many commands and to be firm when needed.

Ryan Vicek from Louisburg, KS attended fall classes at KSDS and received his new partner, Jester, a golden retriever. Ryan’s first service dog was Breyer from the Ice Cream litter.

Ryan graduated from Kansas University with a degree in business administration and finance. He is presently an administrative assistant and financial officer for an abuse outpatient center.

Ryan’s life changed the most when he received a service dog and had to become more focused on his dog than on himself. This helped Ryan to be responsible for another living thing who depended on him.

Jester gives Ryan more energy and freedom to do his job thus making him more efficient. Jester will increase Ryan’s social life as everywhere he goes people want to talk to him about his new partner. Ryan knows that having Jester by his side will make him feel safe and less exhausted.

Jester pulls Ryan’s wheelchair up ramps, braces his chair as he transfers, and retrieves items out of reach. They are developing a loving, caring, and trusting bond with each other.

Ryan selected KSDS because he received Breyer from them, because KSDS is local and because the trainers do a great job of training. They are his family and have been for 11 years.

Ryan says, “Jester is a very loving, compassionate, and amazing service dog. He already performs above and beyond my expectations. Words really cannot describe the experience and my feeling of appreciation for Annette.”

Jester’s puppy raisers are Elizabeth and GiGi Mireault, of Olive, IA.
SUMMER 2016 GRADUATES

MICHELLE BLUNCK
LADDY - FACILITY

Michele Blunk, Wichita, KS, is a Victim Assistance Unit Coordinator with the Wichita Police Department. Michele attended summer class at KSDS to receive her facility dog, Laddy, a yellow Labrador.

Michele believes Laddy will be a huge benefit in her work. She says, “Not only will Laddy be a benefit to my clients, victims of violent crimes, but also for the detectives faced with working these crimes day in and day out. Laddy will give comfort to those unable to voice their pain and courage when attending court. Laddy will provide strength and will be the oasis in our desert. He will provide comfort without judgement.”

Laddy is the first Courthouse Facility dog placed by KSDS. Michele stated, “We will be able to connect with victims that previously were not connected by human means. I believe God placed this type of team in my heart, and I am very excited that we will be the first “Dream Team” in Kansas.

Michele speaks of her experiences at KSDS and stated, “This has been a wonderful, intense, and awesome week. I have learned so much and Letha has given me such insight. I cannot wait to put what I learned into practice! Letha has been phenomenal with the training and the encouragement. I appreciate her so much!”

“I can only image how healing Laddy will be for those who have been traumatized. Thank you, thank you!”

Laddy’s volunteer puppy raisers are Gina and Carl German of Peck, KS.

JENNIFER PRINGLE
PRINCE- SERVICE

Jennifer Pringle from Brandon, FL returned to KSDS to receive her third successor dog. Jennifer was greeted by her new partner, Prince, a golden retriever. Jennifer knows that Prince will give her more energy by pulling her wheelchair and retrieving dropped items.

Jennifer and her husband Jeff learned about KSDS in 1997, and they both obtained assistance dogs. They both stated, “KSDS is the best choice we ever made.” Jennifer found through her first assistance dog that she could gain some lifelong friends and that not everyone judges her because of her disabilities.

Jennifer works for United Parcel Service where she is a customer service representative. Prince will make her job easier because she will have more energy. Prince will help her navigate in the large building where she works. Jennifer’s future goals are to be as active as possible and to go more with her husband and his dog, McLaren.

Jennifer states, “KSDS has been like family. I have wonderful friends in graduates and puppy raisers I’ve met, and of course, Annette is the best! Prince is sweet, gentle, and loving. He helped make one of the worst days of my life more bearable. While in training with Prince, I found out my retired KSDS service dog, Dankin, passed away. I couldn’t be there with him, but Prince let me cry into his fur, kept giving me his paw, and let me cuddle him on his blanket until I actually fell asleep. Prince was telling me, “It’s OK Mom, we got this.”

KSDS has been wonderful, and I especially appreciate Annette for allowing me to work one-on-one with her.

Prince’s puppy raiser is Ed Wierman, of Chicago, IL.

JOSHUA RYAN
JAYHAWK - SERVICE

Joshua Ryan of Goldsby, OK, returned to KSDS this summer to receive his successor service dog, Jayhawk, a black Labrador. Joshua notes that people seem to be more courteous to both he and Jayhawk, than when it is only Joshua in a wheelchair. Joshua knows he will navigate easier with Jayhawk with him. He plans to have Jayhawk pick up items and bring things to him. Jayhawk will travel to work with Joshua where he is the City Clerk for the community of Goldsby.

Joshua picked KSDS because of their accreditation with ADI, its close location to his community, and because of the recommendation of the rehab hospital in Oklahoma City, OK. There was informational material and someone there to demonstrate a dog.

Joshua says, “My life has changed the most through a partnership with Jayhawk because of the companionship. We laugh and play together daily. Jayhawk gives me purpose. I continue the training done at KSDS and must say I’m very happy with the training KSDS has done. These dogs are the BEST. I feel much more secure in my home and in public with a service dog.

Joshua found the “new” apartments to be fantastic. He also spoke of his trainer, Annette Metz, “Annette saw a side of me that had been “lost” since my accident. I have always used humor to be the life of the party. This time she matched me with a very energetic two year old male! I think it is best summed up as two ornery males trying to outdo one another. Only good things come from KSDS. I certainly have and will continue to spread the word about this experience, this place, and this staff.”

Jayhawk’s puppy raiser is Mandi Holsten, of Kansas City, KS.
Graduates visited KSDS for 3 days of obedience sessions, refreshing and/or learning new skill tasks. Our growing family also had lots of time for socialization of dogs and humans.

Recertification

Every 5 years graduate teams are asked to recertify their partnership. They must show that they are still using their dog’s skill tasks correctly and pass the ADI public access test. The team is then issued a new ID card to verify that they have passed all of their requirements to be a successful and safe working team. Most teams take their recertification test during Grad retreat but are invited to do this at any other time during the year.

2016 Grad Retreat

Sixteen graduate teams with family and caregivers attended the 2016 Graduate Retreat. Three teams were recertified and everyone brushed up on skills and obedience. Once again Kansas weather provided a variety of changes for us to work on. Ninety plus degrees, wind, and rain kept everyone on their toes. Everyone was excited to visit with old friends and meet new ones. The dogs all worked well around each other, strangers, food, and toys. Playtime at the six-plex was enjoyed by all in the evenings.

A big thank you to Carla McGuire and her sister Derry McGuire, from Iowa and Gina German, from Peck, KS who provided the food and cooked delicious breakfasts and lunches for everyone at the 2015 and 2016 Grad Retreats!

KSDS has opportunities every year to be on campus at Kansas State University for various events. K-State School of Veterinary Medicine performs the hip and eye tests for KSDS puppies-in-training.

On April 9th, some KSDS staff, puppy raisers, and others in the Manhattan area attended the 21st annual Dog N Jog, hosted by Kansas State University College of Veterinary Medicine Class of 2017. Anyone may participate by bringing your dog and running, jogging, or walking the course. Prizes are given for the top 3 male and female category finishers, largest dog, smallest dog, and oldest dog and human, and youngest dog and human. There is also a silent auction. It is fun for everyone there, even the dogs! Proceeds benefit KSDS. Our thanks to K-State Veterinary Medicine Class of 2017 for hosting this fundraiser!

KSDS had a display at K-State Open House on April 16th at the Kansas State Veterinary department. KSDS had a litter born on January 22, 2008, at K-State. The puppies were named after Kansas State. Danny Ayres, a KSDS service graduate, has Willie, a golden retriever, from this litter. Danny enjoyed a tour of the veterinary department at K-State, thanks to Kristen Linder, a member of the KSU CVM class of 2018, and a KSDS volunteer.

In early June at 4-H Discovery Days, KSDS staff, puppy raisers and dogs showed 4-H members how assistance dogs work and emphasized how important our puppy raisers are to the organization.

KSDS participants, Ed and Nancy Maynard, Bob and Sandy Bartkoski and Marcia and Brent Boring
Hope, faith, love, and -- yes, at moments -- even despair: Puppy raisers experience these emotions and many more as they start an eight-week-old pup on its journey to a special life of service.

So “Circle of Life” became the theme for this year’s Pups Days, a weekend-long retreat of learning, training and fun open to all puppy raisers. More than 30 people attended the event April 15-17 at KSDS.

Learning sessions explored a pup’s life from the very beginning all the way to a life of assistance and then retirement.

Some of the steps in exploring that life journey:

• A presentation was given on the complexities of breeding and early puppy development.

• Two graduates spoke eloquently about the impact their dogs have had in their lives and in the lives of others. Thank you to service graduate Ryan Vicek and facility graduate Jill Lewis for sharing their stories.

“From the day we arrive on the planet, And, blinking, step into the sun, There’s more to see than can ever be seen, More to do than can ever be done....

“It’s the circle of life And it moves us all, Through despair and hope, Through faith and love....”

(From “Circle of Life” in The Lion King)
• Trainers described how women at the Topeka Correctional Facility give their time and hearts to train puppies, and read aloud touching letters from the women. They teach adult dogs specific skills, but also raise some from puppyhood.

• A session offered information on puppy turn-in day, how a returned dog is tested for temperament and physical health, and what to expect from that evaluation process.

• Trainers also offered one-on-one sessions with puppy raisers who wanted expert advice on solving a training problem or improving their skills with their pups, and led group sessions in how to train and socialize pups. They also guided puppy raisers in using tools and equipment to give a sense of what it’s like to work with a dog when a disability presents challenges.

Learning was the main focus of Pups Days, but fun wasn’t far behind! From a casual Friday night pizza party where dogs could play in Banner Park to a clever Canine Quiz Show to a fun, fast-paced live auction and the traditional silent auction and raffle, fun was woven into the weekend. (As was food: Thank you, Kansas Flippers, for another great pancake breakfast!)

Faith, too, played its part. At a Blessing of the Dogs ceremony Sunday morning, thanks were given for these wonderful canines -- and for all the human hearts and hands that work together to guide them to help change lives.

Thank you to all the puppy raisers from KSDS!

KSDS puppy raising and training – it’s not just an individual affair, it takes the whole KSDS family to raise a KSDS puppy.
GUIDE DOGS

KSDS guide dogs help their partner get safely from one place to another and are trained to locate curbs and stairs, to cross streets safely, to show change of ground texture (i.e. sidewalk to gravel) and to avoid obstacles and overhanging objects. The guide dog knows “left” and “right” and can help their partner with many “find” commands (the table, the chair, the door in/out, the counter, etc.).

PUPPY RAISERS

Our puppy raisers come from all walks and all ages of life. It takes a lot of passion, desire and commitment to raise one of KSDS’ adorable puppies into a successful assistance dog. For our teen puppy raisers (13+), puppy raising can be a great way to give back to the community. Puppy raising for these young scholars can turn into a wonderful 4-H, Boy Scout, Girl Scout or FFA project. What better way to socialize our young puppies than by taking them to events sponsored by these organizations!

Puppy raising is not just for high school students with supportive families, however, puppy raisers under the age of 18 must have written parental consent.

Kennel clubs have classes, members and facilities to help provide the perfect environment to expose puppies to other dogs and people. If you are a member of any of these organizations and would like a presentation about KSDS, please contact us at (ksds@ksds.org) or (785) 325-2256.

SERVICE DOGS

Service dogs are trained to provide assistance to people with physical disabilities, from individuals who use wheelchairs for mobility to those requiring a steady four-legged partner to balance them as they walk.

Some of the skills KSDS service dogs are trained to do include retrieving dropped or selected items, pulling wheelchairs, bracing for balance or transfers, assisting in undressing, turning lights on, and opening and closing a variety of doors.

FACTOR DOGS

Just What are Facility Dogs?

“My Facility Dog brings smiles to school every day, and attendance has improved.”

“Needing a friend, the student dropped to his knees and cried into the dog’s fur.”

The facility dog is partnered with a working professional facilitator and is skilled at maintaining a calm manner and good social behavior in a variety of environments. They are accustomed to interacting with many different types of people, including those with physical and/or developmental disabilities. They may work in schools, physical therapy clinics, nursing homes, counselor offices, children’s advocacy centers, or courthouses.

CARER CHANGE DOGS

What do you want to be when you grow up?

Vocally, dogs can’t tell us that they would like to be part of a service, guide, or facility team. The KSDS trainers let the dog tell them by way of its personality, temperament, and desire to do the job where its strengths lie. Their health may get in the way due to possible hip dysplasia, ractas, or allergies. They may make it clear that they would just rather be a pet, or an older dog may need a home upon retiring from its working life. The dog’s volunteer puppy raiser is called first, offering it back into their home as a pet. If they are unable to take the dog, KSDS staff refers to its Career Change applications. Each application is reviewed, and we match the dog with the lifestyle and personality of their forever family. There is no charge for our Career Change dogs but donations will be welcomed.
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VOLUNTEERS FOR KSDS

Puppy raisers...envelope stuffers... high schoolers...oh my! These KSDS volunteers from Washington County come in all different shapes and styles. From the little ones that play with puppies after school to the K-state students and other adults that spend their afternoons around the campus, KSDS would like to thank all who volunteer their time. Whether it is stuffing countless envelopes or clearing sidewalks in the summer heat so wheelchairs can travel safely, we would not be able to continue working towards our goal if it weren’t for the dedicated volunteers that help KSDS. Thank you!

FIRST COURTHOUSE PLACEMENT

KSDDS is proud to announce the placement of our first courthouse facility dog!

Laddy, a two year old yellow lab, along with his new handler, Michele Blunck, graduated from KSDS on June 18th, 2016. Michele is a Victim Assistance Coordinator for the Wichita Police Department. Laddy will accompany Michele to work every day to provide comfort and support to victims of crime. Laddy is the first courthouse facility dog in the state of Kansas from an Assistance Dogs International accredited organization.

KSDDS “Cheers to Careers”

A program was adopted several years ago at KSDDS to give people an opportunity to honor their deceased dog by donating to KSDDS through the “Cheers to Careers” program. For a donation of $100 or more, a memorial inscription of up to fifteen words are inscribed on a brass plate and affixed to a plaque in the west training building at KSDDS, and you will also be recognized in the next Pathway newsletter. The brass plates are placed on wooden jigsaw puzzle pieces. Each piece has paw prints and footprints to signify the value of friendship in life’s journey.

Let your love grow by supporting KSDDS and remember and honor your special companion. Honor them in a way that helps others through KSDDS guide, service, or facility dog programs. “Grieve not, but speak of me as if I were beside you.”

Displayed in west training building.
KSDS was incorporated January 10, 1990 and opened September 1990. They are a 501(c) 3 non-profit corporation - Federal ID# 48-1080879. Their first placements occurred in November 1991. There have been 521 Canine Assistant teams placed.

Guide Dogs - 108 Teams includes 25 successor teams
Service Dogs - 302 Teams includes 63 successor teams
Facility Dogs - 111 Teams includes 6 successor teams

KSDS is located on US Highway 36 in Washington, Kansas located:
- 3 hours West of Kansas City
- 3 hours NE of Wichita
- 3 hours East of Hays
- 2 hours NW of Topeka
- 2 Hours South of Lincoln, NE
- 3 hours South of Omaha, NE
- Literally in the “Middle of Everywhere”

The canine partner will provide assistance either specifically for their partner or they will help their partner assist others in prevailing over their disabilities. Placements occur at no charge to the person receiving the dog other than the initial $25.00 application fee. Continuing support for the graduates is also part of the services offered. The support is utilized to keep the team working at peak performance and is offered throughout the life of the partnership. The staff provides one-on-one training for specialized needs and on-going support to all teams. KSDS assistance dogs are valued at $25,000 each. By those standards, KSDS has given away over 12 million dollars in product and services since 1991.

KSDS was the first organization in the USA to provide both guide and service dog programs from within the same facility. Half of KSDS placements occur outside the State of Kansas. KSDS has placed teams in 32 different states and has volunteer puppy raisers located in 16 states.

KSDS has been an accredited member of Assistance Dogs International (ADI) since 2003. ADI is a coalition of programs from around the world which train and place canine assistance dogs. The coalition establishes the standards and ethics for training and placing assistance dogs and teams. Staff at KSDS have been very involved in sharing training criteria and committee work within the ADI organization.

KSDS relies on contributions from individuals, corporations, service clubs, wills and bequests. KSDS’ corporate sponsors include Hill’s Pet Nutrition, Kansas State University College of Veterinary Medicine, Merriam, Zoetis, Ceva Animal Health, Modern Medical Mobility, Boehringer Ingelheim, Novartis Animal Health, United Bank and Trust, Prairie Band Potowatimi Nation, and Patterson Foundation. The majority of KSDS corporate sponsors provide support by means of donating products or services that directly benefit puppies, dogs in training or teams that have graduated. Lions Clubs of Kansas provide funding for student housing expenses.

Thank you Corporate Sponsors!

KSDS welcomes your support and invites you to join in our efforts. For further information visit our website www.ksds.org, call 785-325-2256 or write KSDS at 120 W. 7th St. Washington, KS 66968.
Reach out your hand and help someone receive an assistance dog by giving at your workplace.

Four paws, two hearts, one MIRACLE!

The Combined Federal Campaign helps support over 2,000 non-profit agencies providing opportunities to improve the quality of life of individuals. KSDS qualifies to participate in this campaign throughout the United States, by using CFC #10823. Federal employees may obtain the pledge forms at their place of employment. Federal Employees may pledge through payroll deduction or make a one-time cash or check donation.

Retirees and contractors are not directly solicited, but may make one-time cash or check donations.

Electronic pledging is available either through Employee Express, CFC Nexus or myPay.

Your workplace can help place an assistance dog team at KSDS through the support of a workplace, i.e. employee giving, corporate contribution, volunteering, and/or employee workplace giving program. A donation may be made monthly by simply signing an ACH form (included in this newsletter), or have your human resource department contact Marcia Funke, Development Director, at 785-325-2256, ext. #104, or mfunke@ksds.org with any questions.

Thank You!!

ASSISTANCE DOGS INTERNATIONAL

Assistance Dogs International (ADI) is a coalition of not for profit assistance dog organizations. The purpose of ADI is to improve the areas of training, placement, and utilization of assistance dogs, staff and volunteer education, as well as educating the public about assistance dogs, and advocating for the legal rights of people with disabilities partnered with assistance dogs.

ADI has a comprehensive accreditation system and members have to be regularly assessed to ensure they meet the high standards expected of assistance dog programs.

KSDS has been an accredited member of ADI since 2003 and has gone through two accreditation reviews and is a member in good standing.

INTERN AT KSDS

Kristi Myers was born and raised in the Rose Hill/Derby, Kansas area. She graduated from Rose Hill High School in 2005 and also graduated from Butler County Community College with a Business degree. Kristi has always had a love for animals and the desire and passion to help people since she was a young girl. This led Kristi into the career path of dog training and wanting to specialize in service dog training. Kristi is extremely grateful for her 5 week long internship at KSDS. Beginning September 1st, Kristi will move into a full-time position with KSDS as the Canine Housing Unit (CHU) Coordinator. Welcome to the KSDS family!

YOU CAN DONATE TO KSDS!!

Do you shop on Amazon or at Dillons? Do you shop on the Internet? Perhaps there is a way to donate to KSDS that you haven’t considered!

AMAZON is a popular shopping tool and you can easily switch to Amazon Smile. At https://smile.amazon.com, you won’t notice any difference when you shop. HOWEVER, the Amazon Smile Foundation donates .5% of all purchases to a charity of your choice and, hopefully, you will choose KSDS.

GOODSEARCH is a search engine www.goodsearch.com you can use when searching online and make money for KSDS at the same time. Use Yahoo-based GoodSearch and earn 1¢ per search for KSDS. Shop online with GoodShop & earn additional cash for KSDS.

DILLONS COMMUNITY REWARDS -- If you shop at Dillons, there is an opportunity through Dillons’ Community Rewards, to donate to KSDS. Visit https://www.dillons.com/communityrewards and sign into an existing account, or click “Create an Account”. Select to “Enroll” in Community Rewards. If you have an existing account, select “view your rewards details”, then “Enroll”. Find KSDS Assistance Dogs, Inc., or type in KSDS’s organization number of 18656.

STATE OF KANSAS & MISSOURI -- If you work for the State of Kansas, you may contribute to KSDS through the CHC website at: www.ksmo.healthcharities.org or phone (913) 831-7002.

ONLINE GIVING – making a donation through the www.ksds.org website is safe, fast and easy. When we receive your donation, we’ll send an acknowledgement via mail for tax purposes. We accept all major credit cards. Please note: we use a nonprofit service to process our credit card transactions. LOC IND CH ORG is the name that will appear on your statement, not KSDS.
These people make it possible to give recipients a $25,000 KSIDS Assistance Dog and food for the dog for life. We at KSIDS Thank You!
All future service, guide and facility dogs

Vincent, Sandy
Nancy & Ed Maynard

Eaton, Libby, Williams, Karen
Ed & Nancy Maynard

Dan Kurtz

Hines, Marilyn

Dan Kurz
Beikmann, Mildred

Ed & Nancy Maynard
Eaton, Libby, Williams, Karen

Nancy & Ed Maynard
Vincent, Sandy

Carol Mazza
Brun, William

Carla McGuire
Muscatine Veterinary Hospital, PC

Derry & Carla McGuire
Collie, Karen

Sheryl & Delwin Melton, Matt & Tiffany Melton, Cory & Nicole Melton & children, Brady Melton
Bernasek, Galen & Rosalie

Jeanne Meyer
Ritter, Sharon

Lois Olson & I Lori Mingo
McGuire, Carla & McGuire, Derry

Kathy Mosher & Cody Smith, marriage
Kelly, Meaghan

Our beloved Pets
Wittman, Mary Ann

Pat Payne, DVM & Bing
Barton, Melodie - Byrnes, Natalie - Dryden, Michael - Eaton, Libby - Funke, Marci - Jahnke, Genarea - Krishock, Bendi - Ludes, Renee
- McCull, Stephanie

Pere
Jones, Susan

Poppys Retirement
Kamps, Paul

Prince
Schreiber, Judy

Prince & Dundee
Weiman, Wanda

Raven
Riat, Tom

Jenna Reid
Carlson, Frank

Jolene Ricard & Sandra
Bernasek, Galen & Rosalie

Michael & Pam Ricard, Christopher & Kristen & Boys, Christhill Ricard
Bernasek, Galen & Rosalie

Steve and Jean Ricard, Jorden & Kari, Adams Ricard, Samantha Ricard
Bernasek, Galen & Rosalie

Jr. and Merry Roop’s Anniversary
Roop, Nancy

Rosy
Ruppe, Sere

Gelene Savage
Quest Credit Union

LaFonda Sharp
Sharp, Tyler

Vicki & Bill Slater
Shutts, Joyce

Amy Stone
Co-Bank

Sharon Stratton
Daniels, Marilyn

Hudson & Strider
Barbokski, Sandy

Kim Swain
Bond, Liz

Randy Teske & Marec
Barker, Marjorie - Detwiler, Karen - Knight, Kay - Stroda, Darrell

Brenda & Randy Thompson, Brandon & Jerica Ramos & Grils, Mikalla Ramos, Shea Summer Thompson
Galen & Rosalie Bernasek

Wichita Area Puppy Raisers
Kechi Senior Center

Hank & Rita Willson
Don Titterg
Anonymous

The ACH donations in July 2015 was $1,682 dollars per month. In July 2016 that number increased to $2,445 dollars per month. This was a great increase of $763 dollars per month in the second year of the program. Great Job on getting new monthly ACH donations.

2nd Year of ACH progress

$62,000/MONTH GOAL

July 2016
$2,445

July 2015
$1,682

Housekeeping
• Bottled water
• Paper towels, toilet paper, and facial tissue
• Rolls of white plastic table covering
• Trash bags - 13 gallon kitchen
• Trash bags - 33 gallon
• Clorox bleach
• Disinfectant wipes
• Swiffer dusters
• Cotton rounds to clean dog’s ears
• Odoban disinfectant
• Cat litter
• Dog toothpaste
• Giant nylabones, large kongs, galileo bones, jolly balls, and puppy toys

Gift Cards
• Wal-Mart
• Sam’s
• Target
• Dollar General
• Home Depot
• Pet Supply Stores

Office Supplies
• Letter Size copy paper
• Photo paper (gloss or semi-gloss)
• White Bubble Plastic Mailing Envelopes (6x10, 8 ½x12, 10 ½ x 16)
• Postage Stamps (forever stamps best)
TO REMEMBER...

See page 13 for the "Cheers to Careers" program.

Thank you for your support!

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