

KSDS Assistance Dogs, Inc.

Kansas Specialty Dog Service

120 W. 7th St., Washington, KS 66968



KSDS Assistance Dogs, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that provides 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 enrich their professional career responsibilities with the ongoing support of our trainers to ensure proficient working partnerships.

KSDS Assistance Dogs, Inc. contributes to a world where all people who would benefit from a professionally-trained canine will be matched with the perfect partner.

Assistance Dogs International Certified!

Why is that important? ADI is the organization that sets the high standards for training and placement of assistance dogs. KSDS Assistance Dogs, Inc. is proud to be certified by this respected organization.





The Story of KSDS



Once upon a time starts many a fairy tale, but KSDS Assistance Dogs, Inc. is not a fairy tale, “pipe dream” or a crazy idea. It might have seemed like that at the beginning, but 27 plus years later; KSDS is going strong and changing lives. From humble beginnings as a 4-H project in 1987, an amazing idea was born! “Let’s provide assistance dogs to people in the Midwest, not just in the coastal areas!” With the help of a start-up grant from the State of Kansas Department of Rehabilitation Services and individual donors, Kansas Specialty Dog Service officially became a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation in 1990.

Today, the KSDS campus provides a unique setting for serving people with disabilities. We have a canine housing unit (CHU), two training centers, an administration office, a gift shop, an agility center, and eight accessible client housing units with storm shelters in each unit. Graduations are held in the newest training center which seats 200 and is also available for community events.

Kansas Specialty Dog Service, now called **KSDS Assistance Dogs, Inc.** is debt free and embarking on a campaign to increase the number of assistance dogs placed with clients in order to reduce the waiting period for receiving one of our specially trained dogs. **We continue to believe that we can change lives one puppy at a time.**



KSDS BY THE NUMBERS

530+

Over 530 Canine Assistance Teams graduated from KSDS since 1991

100's

Hundreds of volunteers have helped KSDS over the years. They are priceless!

2003

KSDS has been accredited through ADI since 2003

85

85¢ out of every dollar goes toward the training and placement of our dogs

2

KSDS utilizes 2 breeds of dogs: Golden Retrievers, Yellow and Black Labrador Retrievers



1st

KSDS was the 1st in the nation to train both guide and service dogs within the same facility

13.4

KSDS trained canines are valued at \$25,000. KSDS has given away 13.4 million dollars in products and services

30+

Canine Assistance Teams have been placed in over 30 states in the USA



KSDS Dogs

Facility Dogs

KSDS Facility Dogs work with a professional in the field of education, counseling, medicine, rehabilitation, retirement and specialty agencies. These dogs model appropriate behavior, teach positive interaction, have a calming effect and provide unconditional love.



Guide Dogs

KSDS Guide Dogs provide mobility assistance for individuals who are blind or visually impaired to travel safely from one place to another. They do this by navigating sidewalks, finding curbs and stairs, crossing streets safely and avoiding obstacles including overhangs. Guide Dogs know “left” and “right” and are helpful with object identification when asked to find a door, counter, elevator, chair, etc.



Service Dogs

KSDS Service Dogs assist 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. Service Dogs are trained to retrieve items, assist in dressing and undressing, pull wheelchairs, brace for balance or transfers, turn lights on/off and open/close a variety of doors.



“KSDS has a reputation for matching a dog to the recipient’s personality, thus establishing a lasting relationship.”

Application Process

To begin the process of receiving an assistance dog, an application request can be found on our website (www.ksds.org). Upon selection for canine assistance, the individual will spend an amount of time at the KSDS campus in Washington, Kansas training with the dog matched to him/her. During the training, students will stay in the KSDS housing located near the KSDS training buildings. The cost of the students’ housing and meals are provided through a KSDS scholarship fund established by Kansas Lions organizations.

Career Change Dogs

If a KSDS dog does not pass their physical or temperament tests, they become available for adoption. Likewise, retired dogs may become available. KSDS has a waiting list of people who want a more mature dog with considerable training. The dog is matched with their forever family.

Thank You

For over 20 years Hill’s® Science Diet® has provided their food products to KSDS Assistance Dogs. Hill’s also ships the food directly to the doorsteps of our puppy raisers and graduates. The KSDS dogs are always excited to see the Hill’s truck arrive. We commend Hill’s for their commitment to KSDS and our mission.

How KSDS Works



It all starts with the dogs and the dedicated staff at KSDS. Breeders live with their puppy raisers except during breeding and whelping of puppies.

Socialization of puppies begins at three days of age. Trainers provide tactile stimulation so the puppies are better prepared to handle a variety of noises, textures, positions and handling. The public assists with this process when the pups reach four to five weeks of age.

At eight weeks, the puppies go home with volunteer puppy raisers who receive training at KSDS. The pups will learn basic obedience, commands, and public manners. They experience a variety of sounds, sights, smells, people and situations. At 18 to 20 months, the puppy will return to KSDS for advanced training.



Upon their return, the dogs are tested at the Kansas State University College of Veterinary Science for OFA's (bone and joint), CERTS's (eye) and other assessments. Upon passing these tests, the dogs begin intermediate training and are evaluated for placement in one of our three programs. Some training takes place at the Topeka Correctional Facility through the Pooches and Pals program. Dogs that do not pass their testing move into the career change program.



The dogs are then selectively matched for temperament and physical attributes with people who need our specially trained canines. The individual with the disability must demonstrate the ability to give commands and care for their canine assistant. The team trains together at KSDS for up to three weeks with additional training and support for the duration of the working dog's life.

The students receive their room and board, materials and other training needs at no cost to the client (FREE). Each team placement is valued at approximately \$25,000. Placements occur at no cost to the client. KSDS is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and operates entirely on donations, grants, foundations, and legacy giving. The Lions Clubs, through their generosity, help pay for the room and board for our clients.



Ready to apply? An application can be found on our website at www.ksds.org, or call KSDS at **785-325-2256**.

Puppy raisers (PRs) are always needed. They are a special group of people who open up their hearts and homes to a puppy. Socialization and an abundance of love is essential. To start the process, complete an application, or call us at **785-325-2256**. It will change your life and someone else's life forever!

What can your donation do to help KSDS?

\$10

Daily cleaning supplies such as bleach and paper towels

\$20

Tough Chew dog toys and stimulation games

\$35-\$200

Specialty Harnesses for guide, service and facility dogs

\$100

VET

KSDS reimburses puppy raisers up to \$100 for the spaying/neutering of their puppy-in-training

\$150

Reduced costs of tests provided by KSU College of Veterinary Science

\$200

Travel to KC Airport and back to pick up clients or to fly out a puppy to other ABC breeding schools

\$2,800

Dues for ADI organization, ABC Breeding consortium and Kennel License Fees

\$25,000

Sponsors a team from puppy through graduation

Planned Giving Makes A Difference

When you make a planned gift, you can make a significant contribution to support KSDS Assistance Dogs, Inc. and still meet your personal estate and tax-planning goals. By participating in planned giving, you often increase the wealth of your estate. The result may also be tax deductible, but most importantly, you will be making a difference in the lives of people who are the most vulnerable in our society. For that, we extend our deepest gratitude!

A multitude of ways to participate are available, and we have listed some to the right. Donors interested in establishing a planned gift to KSDS should contact the CEO at KSDS to get started.

1. Outright Bequest of a Sum of Money
2. Outright Bequest of Specific Property
3. A Bequest of Residuary Estate
4. A Bequest of a Percentage of Residuary Estate
5. A Contingent Bequest
6. A Gift of Cash
7. A Multiple-year Gift Pledge
8. Appreciated Stock
9. Bonds and Mutual Funds
10. CDs, Saving Accounts
11. Charitable Gift Annuity
12. Deferred Gift Annuity
13. Bequest Made in a Will
14. Gift of Life Insurance
15. A New Life Insurance Policy Naming KSDS as the Owner & Beneficiary
16. Personal Property
17. Outright Gift of Real Estate
18. Real Estate with Life Tenancy
19. Pooled Income Fund
20. Charitable Remainder Trusts (Irrevocable)
21. Charitable Lead Trust
22. Kansas Tax Credits Donation (if available)
23. IRA's
24. Frequent Flyer Miles
25. Flights/Small Plane Pilots Delivering or Collecting Puppies For KSDS
26. In Kind Donations of Supplies and more!!!



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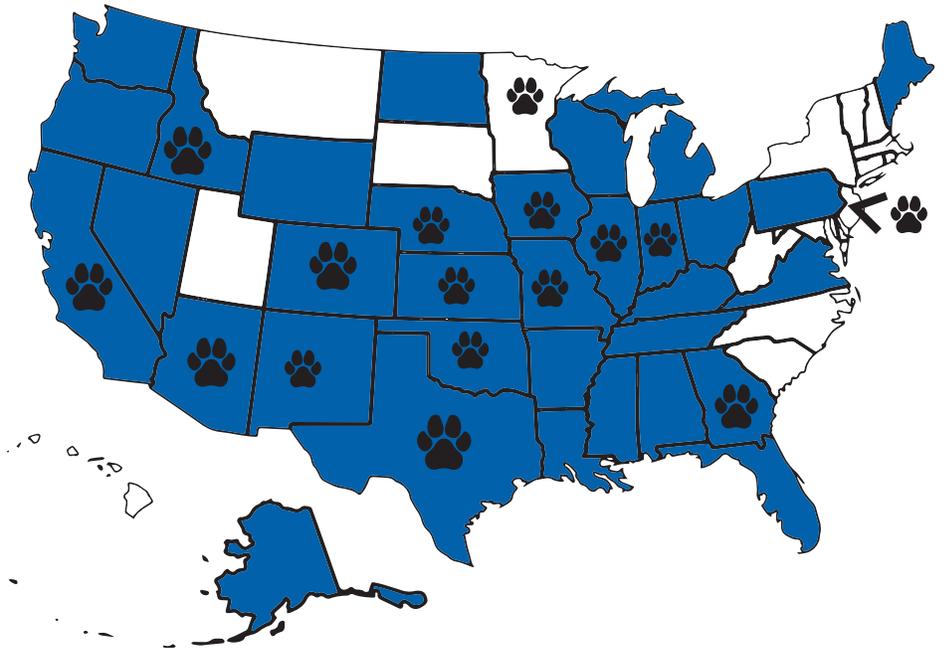


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States where puppies have been raised by puppy raisers



States where assistance dogs have been placed with partners