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KANSAS SPECIALTY DOG SERVICE

25th Anniversary of Service
KSDS Assistance Dogs, Inc.

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Don't miss these upcoming events!

- Summer Graduation
  June 27, 2015 *in newest KSDS training building East*
- KSDS Graduate Retreat
  July 20, 21, and 22, 2015
  on KSDS campus
- Kansas State Fair
  Sept 11 thru Sept 20, 2015
  Hutchinson, KS
- Kansas Truck Mobility Rodeo
  Friday October 2, 2015,
  10am to 6pm
  Two blocks south of Kellogg on Tyler Rd in Wichita, Kansas
- Woofstock
  October 3, 2015, *Sedgwick County Park, Wichita, Kansas*
- Fall Graduation
  October 17, 2015
- Phantom Ball
  Early December 2015 *(better start shopping for your gown!)*

SAVE THE DATE *– April 29, 30, and May 1st, 2016 - National Scrapbooking Day (Creative Memories Memoranza) contact njbyrnes@hotmail.com for more information.*

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Groups in Lawrence/ KC, Manhattan and Wichita have regular get-togethers. To find out more, contact KSDS (785) 325-2256.

Hill's



Kay Nester chats with participants of the Dog N Jog.

DOG N JOG IS A BIG SUCCESS!

DOG N JOG
20th ANNUAL

The 20th annual Dog-N-Jog was held Saturday, April 25th, at the beautiful Kansas State University in Manhattan, Kansas. The KSU College of Veterinary Medicine Class of 2016 hosted the event and, for more than 15 years, the proceeds of the annual event have been donated to KSDS. The event includes a 10K and a 5K Road Race and also a 1.5K Fun Run. Prizes were awarded to the top 3 male and top 3 female category finishers and also to the largest dog at the event, the smallest dog at the event, the oldest dog and human team entered and the youngest dog and human team entered. In spite of rain and the cool temperature, a good time was had by all attending.



Brent & Marcia Boring and Bailey start the 1.5 K Fun Run.



Dr Pat Payne and Bing accept this year's donation to KSDS from Diane Larson, DVM Class of 2016.

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We now have a brochure that covers all of our Guide, Service and Facility Dog Programs. Please contact the KSDS office for YOUR FREE BROCHURE and KSDS bookmarks.



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2 NEW LITTERS AT KSDS!

When KSDS puppies are eight weeks old, they are excitedly greeted by their volunteer puppy raisers who will socialize the puppies and teach the puppies 30 to 40 commands. By routinely taking the puppies into their communities – to workplaces, churches, stores, restaurants, sporting events, music concerts and much more -- puppy raisers teach the puppies basic obedience, house and public manners.

When the puppies are 16 to 24 months old, they return to KSDS for evaluation and advanced training. The evaluation includes deciding whether the dog would perform better with a guide, service, or facility partner. Professional trainers then begin the process of teaching the dog specific skills to help them become invaluable partners to people who need them.

A dog typically is two to three years old when paired with a partner. The dog and human team then train together for one to three weeks on the KSDS campus, depending upon the program the dog is suited for and the needs of the graduate. At the end of the training period, the official team graduates at a ceremony held on the KSDS campus.

More than 500 canine assistance teams have graduated from KSDS since its beginnings in 1990.

The Australian Slang Litter was born on January 25, 2015 to Adelaide and Mason (both dogs are in the North America Assistance Dog International Breeding Cooperative). To be a member of the breeding cooperative, an assistance dog school must be an accredited member of Assistance Dogs International (ADI).

The Internet Litter was born February 3, 2015 to Java and Hudson, a yellow and black lab respectively.

The puppies were placed with their new family of puppy raisers on March 27th after a day was spent at KSDS receiving puppy raising training (it's not just an individual affair – it takes the whole family to raise a puppy!).



AUSTRALIAN SLANG LITTER *From left to right: Jeanne Meyer and Keith Chrostowski with Sooky; Ed Wierman with Dundee and Ed's mother, Wanda Wierman; Emily Pracht with Mandu who goes to Susquehanna Service Dogs as a part of the Breeding Cooperative; Gina German with Roo who goes to Canine Partners of the Rockies as a part of the Breeding Cooperative; and Sara Gustin with Kora who will be placed in the Topeka Correctional Facility Pooches and Pals program.*



INTERNET LITTER *From left to right: Jacob Davenport with Google; Dr Pat Payne with Bing; Jenna Reid with Chrome; Randy Paxson with Yahoo; Kristi Harlan-Fimmen holding Skype who will be placed in the Topeka Correctional Facility Pooches and Pals program; and Karrie Van Winkle with Jeeves.*

JILL LEWIS AND BISSELL



Jill Lewis attended facility dog class at KSDS in March, 2015 and met her new partner, Bissell, a yellow Labrador Retriever from the Vacuum litter. Jill is from Mulvane, Kansas, where she has resided for twenty-one years. Mulvane is a community of 6,300 people south of Wichita.

Jill is a teacher at Oaklawn Elementary School, a part of the Derby school system, where she teaches 2 hours a day in a program called "Take Flight" helping dyslexic students to read. Jill also is a literacy coach and works in teachers' classrooms during reading periods to help students who are struggling. She then meets with the teacher as a team to work out any issues together, both educational and behavioral. Bissell will go into the class at reading time along with Jill, and the students can read to him, or just read silently and pet him if they prefer. This will be a different type of reward system for the students. Bissell's job will be to sit with students, calm them and let them stroke his fur, basically providing them an atmosphere of love and acceptance.

Jill's school is in a poverty stricken neighborhood. Students come to school already angry for a variety of reasons. Jill plans to use Bissell to allow students to exert some control in their lives, as many of the students have no control over any aspect of their lives. Jill plans to stand with Bissell at the front door two days a week and greet students and parents as they come to school. Jill's goals are to see struggling students connect with Bissell and see their face light up when they see him and know that Bissell is 70 pounds of unconditional love and acceptance that can be given over and over.

The staff at Oaklawn Elementary is under a great deal of stress too because the school is on a "watch" list for the State of Kansas. This means that the state test scores have not been at the appropriate level for the last few years. Dogs provide a calm, soothing environment for the adults as well as the students. Jill has already had staff members say they will be visiting her room for some "doggie lovin".

Jill says, "My dog, Bissell, is an amazing dog. What has really captivated my heart is the character of each and every staff member at KSDS. They are not simply employees. Every person I encountered is a true servant and all have a genuine heart for dogs and the people these dogs will serve. I truly believe each of these wonderful people have been called by God to make a difference in the lives of the people they touch. This group of professionals is a true family and help each other with whatever task is at hand and share a common bond like none I've ever seen or experienced before. They have taken me into their family and blessed me beyond measure."

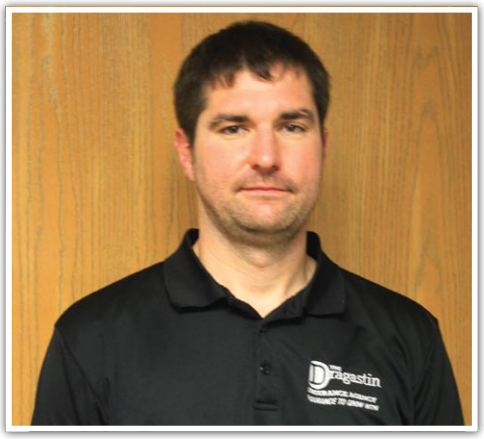
"I've told my friends how overwhelming it is to be handed the keys to a $25,000 dog; room and board for 6 days; one-on-one training; and a new family to go with it all and it is not costing me at all! Bissell comes with free dog food delivered to my door plus heartworm meds and flea-and-tick meds too! How do I EVER pay back a blessing like this?"

Bissell's puppy raiser is Jerilynn Bayless, of Terre Haute, Indiana.

See a related article by Jake Trease about Jill and Bissell in the Derby Informer posted March 26, 2015.

NOTE: All KSDS graduates receive Science Diet dog food for their canine partner from Hill's Pet Nutrition and Heartgard® and flea-and-tick treatments are donated by Merial.

JUSTIN DRAGASTIN IS A NEW BOARD MEMBER



Justin Dragastin, the newest member of the KSDS Board of Directors, grew up and attended school in Washington. He graduated from Kansas State University in 2006 with a degree in Agriculture Economics. Upon graduation, he returned to the Washington area and married Emily (Bruna) Dragastin. Justin and Emily currently reside in Hanover, Kansas with their three kids; Max (6) Dean (4) & Lyla (9 months). In his spare time, he enjoys spending time with Emily and the kids, as well as attending Kansas State University sporting events.

Justin worked for the Kastl-Powell Insurance Agency for 2 years before purchasing the agency in 2012. In 2014, the name was changed to The Dragastin Insurance Agency and continues to operate with locations in Washington and Concordia, Kansas. Justin feels that the most underrated quality in rural Kansas is "friendly people" and credits that as being a reason he chose to come back and stay in his hometown.

He looks forward to sitting on the board and hopes that KSDS can grow at the right pace while continuing to provide great service to all past and future teams. He would like to see KSDS continue to be a strong asset for the town of Washington.

GIRL SCOUT TROOP VISITS KSDS

This past school year, Girl Scout Troop #3424, Washington, Kansas participated in an interactive learning program at KSDS. The Girl Scouts, who were 5th and 6th graders, came to KSDS once a month and learned how to care for the dogs as well as how the dogs are trained to become assistance dogs. This hands-on program included grooming and feeding the dogs, taking them on walks, and joining in on obedience lessons. The scouts discovered some of the challenges, but also many of the rewards in working for a dog training facility. They thoroughly enjoyed being involved in the daily tasks at KSDS as well as witnessing the dogs' progress in their training. These Girl Scouts have also supported KSDS by making cloth puppy toys and donating various supplies throughout the years.



Kansas State Fair – Here We Come!!!

KSDS will have a 10 ft X 10 ft booth #13 inside the Pride of Kansas building during the Kansas State Fair to be held September 11th through the 20th. Booths are open from 9 AM to 9 PM daily.

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

Please refer to the sheet enclosed with this newsletter to schedule a time if you can help out and for all the requirements you must comply with to help out at the fair! Please have the filled out form sent in by July 15, 2015.

Thank you!

If you have questions about volunteer work at the Fair, please contact Merry Roop at (785) 325-2256 ext. 102 or (mroop@ksds.org). Like us on Facebook and watch for the 2015 Kansas State Fair Event notification.

An anonymous donor has agreed to buy 233 gate tickets for the KSDS Fair volunteers when ordered by July 15, 2015.

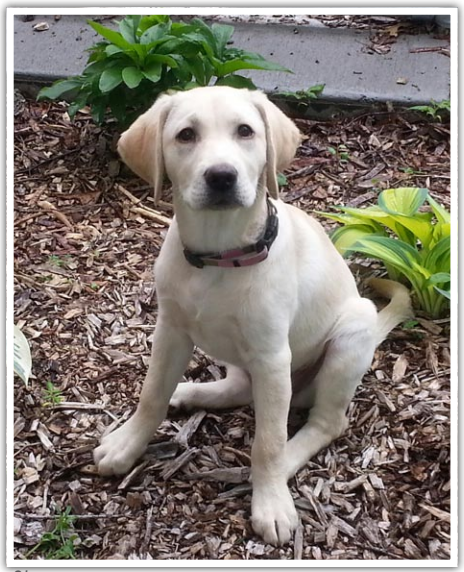


Kansas State Fair Map showing the KSDS Booth in the Pride of Kansas Building.

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 & 20th Ave. and also at Poplar & 17th Ave. See RCAT schedules, Routes and fees at renogov.org/222/Reno-County-Area-Transit-Rcat

PUPPY SITTER PROGRAM IMPLEMENTED BY KSDS

Since March of 1996, KSDS has partnered with the Topeka Correctional Facility (TCF) in the Pooches and Pals program for intermediate training of its' dogs. Pooches and Pals is again undertaking the raising and training of some KSDS puppies.



Skype

Perhaps you would like to interact with a puppy but have limited time available, KSDS is now offering the opportunity to be a weekend puppy sitter in association with the TCF program. Sitters have the opportunity to care for a 3 to 18 month old puppy on weekends.

- Ideally these puppies will be picked up from TCF on Friday evening and returned Sunday evening.
- The sitter will be responsible for transportation to and from the facility in Topeka, KS.
- The responsibilities of raising the puppies will be shared between the handlers at TCF and the sitter.
- TCF will be responsible for the vaccinations of the puppies.
- The sitter will be supplied with the exact amount of dog food from Hill's Science Diet for the weekend.

This is in no way replacing the already existing Puppy Raiser Program. For those unable to raise a puppy full time, this will be an alternative way to volunteer for KSDS. With the Puppy Sitter Program, these puppies will be able to receive the critical socialization they need with real world situations.

If you or someone you know is interested in the Puppy Sitter Programs, please feel free to contact Jenna Petesch (jpetesch@ksds.org) or (785) 325-2256 ext. 114 for more information.



Kora

KSDS ASSISTANCE DOGS PROGRAMS

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 rasiers under the age of 18 must have written parental consent.

Kennel clubs have classes, members and facilties 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.



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.)



Guide Dog in harness.

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.



Service Dog in vest and harness.

STEPS TO APPLY FOR AN ASSISTANCE DOG

A $25 non-refundable application fee is required to start the process of approval. There is an extensive application process requiring basic information, medical information and references from the applicant. A video of the applicant's life and assistance needs is required along with an interview for approval. If approved, there are no other costs to the applicant.

KSDS is able to provide not only the dog, but the extensive hours of training, a collar, leash and harness at no cost to the applicant due to the generosity of the people who donate to KSDS. The Lions Clubs of Kansas have set up a scholarship fund that pays for the student's room and board while attending class. Dog food is furnished for the life of the dog by Hill's Pet Nutrition. Ownership of the dog is given after one year of successful team work.

We welcome Veterans but at this time we do not have the trainers to train and place PTSD, Seizure Alert, Diabetic Alert or Hearing Dogs.

All KSDS dogs must meet the requirements of the Assistance Dogs International (ADI) Standards and Ethics. There is a minimum of 120 hours of intense training in every KSDS dog placed with a partner. For more information or questions, contact Letha Nelson, Client Services @ (785) 325-2256 ext. 115 or (lnelson@ksds.org)

FACILITY 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.



Facility Dog in vest.

CAREER 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, cataracts, 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.**

PUPS DAYS - *In the Agility Center*



Agility Center nearing completion.

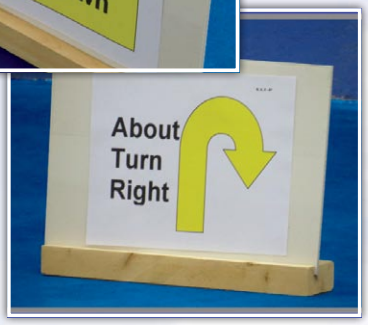


Agility training on the new blue mat.



Pup paying attention and waiting for his turn.





2015 KSDS

Every year the KSDS staff hosts a weekend of fun and learning for puppy raisers. The weekend of April 18th and 19th, 58 puppy raisers and staff members spent a day and a half on the KSDS campus sharing and learning. Here are a few of the highlights!

What does it mean when a dog's ears pull back and his body stiffens? Jenna Petesch, Breeding and Puppy Raiser Coordinator, gave a program on the body signals of a dog and the group discussed how sometimes subtle changes in a dog's body language can signal stress, fear, and more.

Jenna also gave a program explaining the ADI North American Breeding Cooperative of which KSDS is a host member. Being a member of this group enables KSDS to gain access to breeding dogs of excellence.

A clicker training session was given by former KSDS trainer, Adell Aubert. Puppy raisers were taught the benefits of using clickers as reinforcement training on their puppies. The click "marks" positive behavior and encourages the puppy to keep trying to please its partner.

Puppy raisers spent the lunch hour learning disability awareness by having to get their meals from a buffet table and eat either blindfolded or literally "tied" in a wheel chair or using walkers.



Agility training.



Jenna & Annette explain the course.



Pups and trainers durlng practice.



Pups and trainers learning.



Training Building West.

PUPS DAYS

The usual Kansas spring weather included rain and the threat of thunderstorms, but the rain let up long enough for puppy raisers to take their puppy-in-training on a distraction walk, where everyday distractions like children playing, umbrella's being used, people using funny voices, etc. were set up along the route.

All of the learning was combined with the fun times of an agility course in the newly finished Agility Center and a rally-type course where puppy raisers had to follow a planned course of signs instructing them to do basic obedience skills like sit, down, stay, come, and kennel.

The annual "silent auction" is always fun as puppy raisers bid on prizes that are donated by individuals and businesses, which always proves to be a successful fundraiser for KSDS.

Sunday morning finished up the annual event with the traditional pancake breakfast prepared by the Kansas Flippers. The "Great KSDS Canine Quiz Show" competition followed with groups trying to answer KSDS trivia correctly and then brainstorming about different ways puppy raising problems could be solved.

We know the group is already looking forward to the 2016 event where KSDS volunteers can get together with others who dedicate their lives to raising a puppy for KSDS.



Bing learning to communicate.



Letha helps a Puppy Raiser.



Letha helps with clicker training.



Emily assists with puppy obedience training.

CANINE HOUSING UNIT

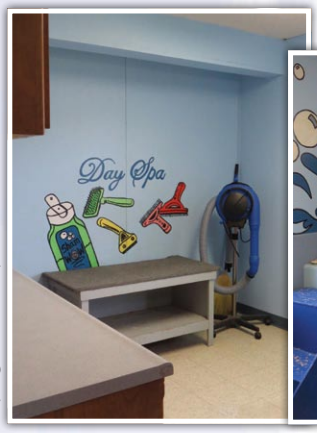


CHU Entryway



The Canine Housing Unit (CHU) at KSDS consists of three separate wings: one to house puppies, and the other two for dogs in training. Together, these wings contain 58 individual pens for the dogs. Each pen is equipped with a water spigot, which allows 24/7 access to fresh, clean water. All pens have a two-way swinging door for the dogs to go outside whenever they like. However, for safety reasons, the dogs are not allowed out after dark. Other dog amenities include two grooming rooms and a "vet" room for checkups. The dogs even have their own spa room with a special bath tub and pedicures!

The daily routine in the CHU consists of feeding the dogs, grooming them, and then obedience sessions that include food and toy distractions. Daily walks around town, usually by the Washington City Park, provide ample opportunities for the dogs to "mind their business" around squirrels, birds, rabbits and playing children. Along with the daily training, dogs get an hour of playtime to run around and play with each other, and even splash in kiddy pools on hot summer days. On top of the busy day-to-day routine in the CHU, tours are scheduled on Tuesdays and Thursdays for interested groups.



Drying table in Spa Room



Spa Room



Whelping Wing Sign



Whelping Box

KSDS HOUSING FACILITIES



This is a panoramic view of the KSDS Six-Plex Duplexes with the memorial brick wall on the left.

KSDS has been blessed with funding over the years that allowed it to build eight handicap accessible apartments which are available to students when they come to KSDS for training with their new partners, either service, guide or a facility dog. Having free accessible housing was a long-time dream of Karen Price, one of the founders of KSDS.

Each apartment is a totally furnished, private apartment with kitchen appliances, pots and pans, bedding, towels and laundry appliances. Each unit has its own above-ground storm shelter. The bathrooms have roll-in showers and specially designed vanities for wheelchairs. Sleeping accommodations include a queen-size bed, sleeper sofa, and if needed, a hospital bed. Each apartment has a TV and DVD player as well as internet access for the occupant. Lifts are available when needed.

The first duplex was built in 2007 thanks to a grant from the Arthur L and Elaine C Johnson Foundation, an Arizona based foundation.

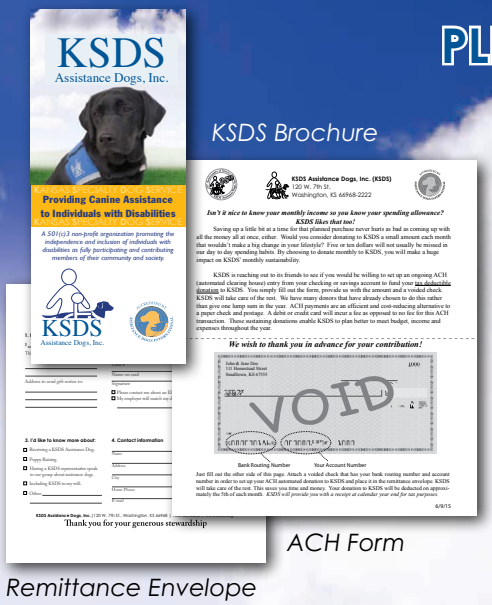
The newest housing complex was completed in 2012 providing six additional apartments and a fenced yard for the dogs. Major funding for these duplexes was received from JE and LE Mabee Foundation of Tulsa, Oklahoma; United Bank & Trust, Washington and Linn, KS; DST Systems, Inc. Kansas City, MO; Dale and Lila Keesecker, Washington, KS; Helen Brach Foundation, Chicago, IL; First National Bank, Washington, KS: Henry Wassenberg, Marysville, KS; Patterson Foundation, St Paul, MN; Barry and Paula Downing Foundation, Wichita, KS; Kansas Gas Service, a Division of ONEOK, Inc; SM & Laura H Brown Charitable Trust; Intrust Bank, Wichita, KS; David and Carol Parker, Topeka, KS; and Spirit Aerosystems, Wichita, KS. KSDS was granted tax credits from the State of Kansas of which a large number of people took advantage.



Duplex Interior

WORKPLACE GIVING

PLEASE BECOME A PART OF THE KSDS FAMILY



KSDS Brochure

ACH Form

Remittance Envelope

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.

CFC

Thank You!!

GUIDESTAR EXCHANGE

GuideStar Exchange SILVER PARTICIPANT

Perhaps you have read or heard of GuideStar, an exchange that provides a wealth of information about nonprofits and the work they do. KSDS is a Guidestar Exchange silver participant. The GuideStar Exchange is an initiative designed to connect nonprofits with current and potential supporters. What does this mean? It means KSDS promotes accountability and provides information directly to its supporters through the GuideStar Exchange.

It allows KSDS to share a wealth of up-do-date information with Guidestar's vast on-line audience of grant makers and individual donors.

KSDS has a report in GuideStar's database—a Web page on their site devoted entirely to KSDS so people can learn more about our great work. Most of these pages represent data KSDS submitted to the IRS.

GuideStar Exchange members are nonprofits that have updated their nonprofit reports. To view GuideStar Exchange: search for www.guidestar.org, and look for KSDS.

ASSISTANCE DOGS INTERNATIONAL

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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.

THE KSDS FAMILY IS A LABOR OF LOVE

With 10 Board Members, 42 Puppy Raisers, 17 Staff Members, over 500 Graduates and 100's of Volunteers all working with KSDS, it is no wonder that KSDS is the best of the best for it's dogs and it's Graduates!





KSDS May 2015 Staff

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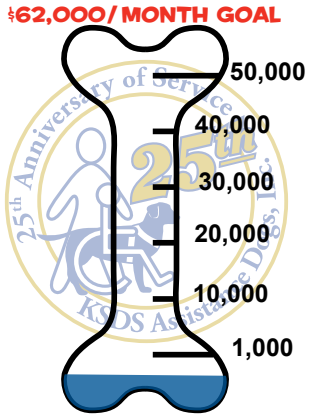
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These people make it possible to give recipients a $25,000 Assistance Dog and food for the dog for life. We at KSDS Thank You!

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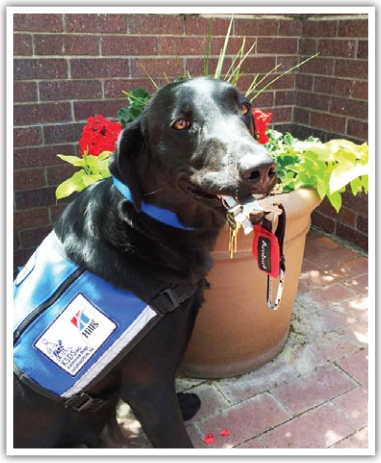
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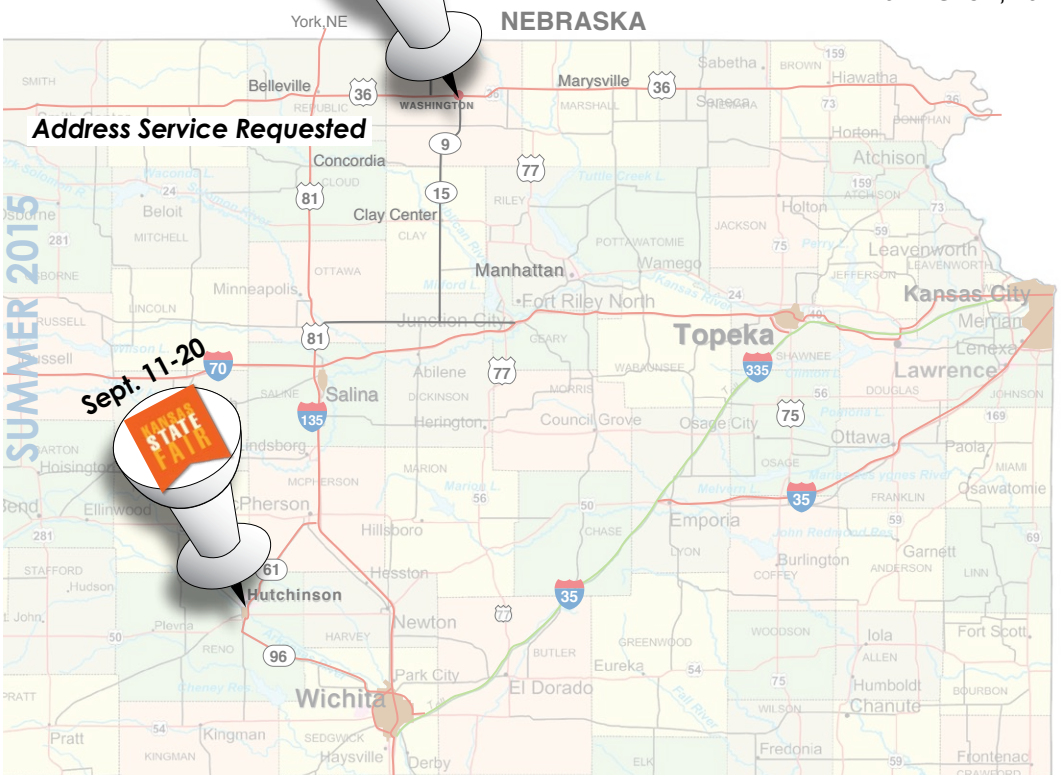
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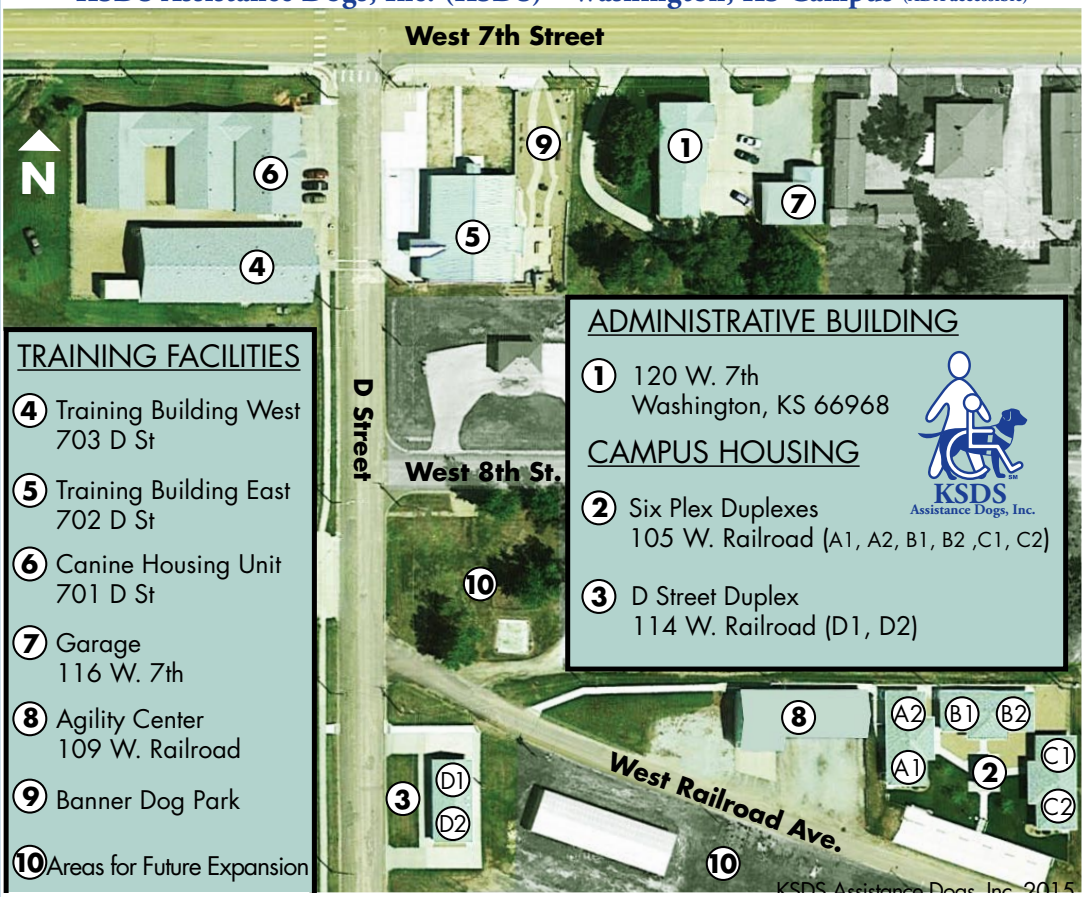
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