



FALL 2018

ASSISTANCE DOGS OF THE WEST

building successful working partnerships between clients and dogs that empower people and open doors to new opportunities.

PLANNED GIVING

LONGTIME SUPPORTER PLANS HIS LEGACY GIFT

I have chosen to include ADW as a partner in my estate planning because I believe in ADW's mission and the good work that ADW does. I have been a puppy raiser, a volunteer, a board member and a friend. ADW has touched me personally and I believe that my beneficiary gift can ensure that ADW exists after I am gone. While I recognize that this gift will happen in the future, I have complete faith that ADW will continue to touch and better lives. The inclusion of ADW in my estate plan allows me to support that mission into the future.

In addition to the end-of-life gift, I have incorporated ADW in my current tax planning. I have created a donor advised fund in order to pool my annual charitable giving. This fund has helped me to minimize and manage my ongoing tax liabilities while ensuring a steady source of future donations to organizations like ADW. I also plan to include ADW – when I am old enough to

qualify – in qualified charitable donations that should reduce my future tax liabilities.

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Partnering with ADW has allowed me to realize current and future tax benefits. It was easy to do, but the important thing is to begin the process.

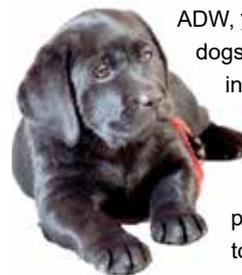
Spencer Wright
Former Board Treasurer
ADW Supporter

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Spencer and ADW Rivkah

LEAVE YOUR LEGACY WAYS TO GIVE



By leaving a gift in your will to ADW, you will help bring dogs and people together in partnerships that are life-changing, allowing us to continue to provide vital services to individuals and communities in need for generations to come.

GIFTS FOR THE FUTURE

- Make a gift to ADW in your will or trust.
- Designate ADW as a beneficiary, of any account, such as a retirement account, life insurance policy, or brokerage account.

GIFTS THAT MAKE A DIFFERENCE TODAY

- IRA Rollover — If you are 70 ½ or older, you can make a tax-free distribution from your retirement account to ADW.

If you choose to include ADW in your estate plans, please let us know so that we can say “thank you.” Informing us of your intentions does not create any obligation on your part.

Learn more about Planned Giving opportunities at assistancedogsofthewest.org/plannedgiving.



Keith & ADW Bunny celebrate the 4th of July

KEITH AND BUNNY THE BEST OF FRIENDS

12-year-old Keith found his best friend in a yellow Labrador retriever named Bunny. Keith is on the autism spectrum and needed support to help him navigate challenges he faced in his daily life. Since Bunny entered Keith's life, his family has noticed significant changes in his behavior, including more sociability, fewer tantrums, and sleeping through the night in his own room (snuggled up next to Bunny, of course). His parents Amy and Fernando tell us, "All around, having Bunny as our son's assistance dog has been such a blessing to us all."

CRISIS RESPONSE CANINE FOSTERS COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

The City of Santa Fe Fire Department plays a significant role in our community's health: of the 15,000 calls the department fields each year, 80-90% are for health-related emergencies and needs. To help meet these needs, SFFD developed the Mobile Integrated Health Office, which provides patient-centered, mobile health resources to the



Erik and ADW Montauk ready for response
Photo by Marissa Salgado.

community. Enter Crisis Response Canine Montauk. With his people-loving demeanor and magnetic personality, Montauk was an ideal addition to the Office. Montauk works alongside his handler, Erik Hickey, a Mobile Integrated Health EMT, to build trust between the Fire Department and individuals who have experienced crisis, and to support individuals in receiving the services they need.

ADW PLACES NATION'S FIRST TRIBAL COURT FACILITY DOG



Judge McGinnis with ADW Kiki out for a stroll

In May of this year, ADW placed ADW Kiki as the first-ever Courthouse Facility Dog in a Tribal Court setting. Chief Judge Kim McGinnis, who presides over all cases at Pueblo of Pojoaque Tribal Court says, "Kiki's main job is to offer unconditional love with zero judgment for people on probation. Most are trauma survivors struggling with addiction who are used to constant judgment from their families and the court. But they come to our courthouse knowing that Kiki doesn't care what crime they committed or that they just relapsed again. She is just happy to see them. From my chambers, I can hear people coming in for their drug test calling out gleefully, 'Where's Kiki?' Probationers gleeful at the courthouse? Transformative."

Judge McGinnis is speaking nationally to groups about Courthouse Dogs in a Tribal Court setting, including National American Indian Court Judges Association, the Zero to Three Cross-Sites 2018, as well as a webinar for the National Criminal Justice Training Center.

OBJECTS OF ART SHOWS: SANTA FE

Thank you to our friend John Morris and Object of Art Shows for making ADW the beneficiary of Opening Night: Objects of Art Santa Fe 2018 at El Museo Cultural De Santa Fe featuring art by Mira Nakashima. Thanks to Sazón for donating delectable eats, and to Gruet Winery for supplying the bubbly!



ADW Executive Director Linda Milanesi with long-time friend and world-recognized furniture maker Mira Nakashima



Board Member Linda Berkeley and ADW Founder Jill Felice

Tom Willet Photography

ADW RECEIVES PIÑON AWARD FOR COURAGEOUS INNOVATION

The Santa Fe Community Foundation Piñon Awards recognize the work of vital nonprofits and philanthropists in their region. Assistance Dogs of the West is thrilled to have been chosen for The Courageous Innovation Award, which honors an organization that uses a bold approach to solve a persistent problem in the community.

Thank you Santa Fe Community Foundation!

PUPPY PREP AT SUNRISE SPRINGS

We are excited to announce that our Puppy Enrichment Center has moved to a new location on the beautiful Sunrise Springs Spa Resort campus. The new space, affectionately called "Puppy Prep" is housed in the Willows building, a former barn, roller skating rink and flamenco dance studio! The Willows is centrally located on the Sunrise Springs property and Puppy Prep boasts a spacious indoor area and an outdoor yard for guest interactions and puppy play.

A new feature of Puppy Prep is "Trainer Talks." This is a great opportunity for resort guests, staff and volunteers to observe training sessions with ADW trainers and learn handling techniques, puppy development and positive reinforcement training. The ever-popular puppy classes help the puppies gain confidence and increase their self-esteem through enriched socialization activities. We are so grateful for our partnership with Sunrise Springs Spa Resort and their gracious hospitality. <https://sunrisesprings.ojospa.com>



Sunrise Springs Staff and volunteers learning from Trainer Talks with ADW Founder Jill Felice

WCC-TAOS VET CORPS

ADW-Taos is newly partnered with VetCorps, which engages Veterans and Military Family Members in agricultural community service to not only feed the local community, but also to support Veterans in transitioning to civilian life. VetCorps members participate in ADW-Taos's Warrior Canine Connection program as additional – and fun! – service to the community.



ADW Jones working with a veteran

STAFF SPOTLIGHT: CELEBRATING 10 YEARS!

Kyle Lephart joined ADW in 2008 as a Program Assistant. Over the years, his job description has grown, and he now serves as our Director of Operations, managing inventory, purchasing, veterinary needs, billing, bookkeeping, payroll and many other tasks. Ask anyone at ADW and they'll tell you, "Everybody loves Kyle." It's true – we do! Thank you, Kyle, for 10 years of great work with ADW.



Kyle Lephart with ADW Frannie

SAVE THE DATE!

Graduation 2019
Wednesday
May 15, 2019
6 PM

James A. Little Theatre



Ali MacGraw, beloved friend and graduation host, holds ADW Audrey

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5 perks to being a STUDENT TRAINER

LIFE-LONG SKILL BUILDING

Students develop skills in patience, self-regulation, communication (verbal and nonverbal), and active listening while reinforcing the behaviors ADW dogs learn in their process to becoming an assistance dog.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Students' sense of self-efficacy grows and they learn that they can affect change in their community by helping to train dogs. Our students learn about the challenges a person with a disability may experience in daily life, and how assistance dogs are a bridge to independence and self-reliance.

MENTORSHIP

In the classroom setting, students collaborate effectively with positive techniques, building trust through teamwork and mutual respect. Dedicated students are given the opportunity to engage in peer-to-peer mentoring by serving as Teaching Assistants in class.

PROBLEM SOLVING

Assistance dogs must be handler-focused, desensitized to distractions, and highly trained to do specific tasks. No two dogs learn or respond the same way. Students learn how to enhance a dog's learning through creative problem solving and helping the dogs stay focused on the task at hand.

DOG HANDLING AND CARE

Students experience first-hand all that is involved in caring for and training an assistance dog. From grooming to clicker training, this experience increases their understanding of what a dog needs to live a happy, healthy working life.

Registration is OPEN for Winter/Spring 2019 after school student trainer classes!

Open to ages 8-18. Classes take place Wednesdays and Thursdays at the ADW Office (1590 San Mateo Lane, Santa Fe, NM 87505) from 3:45-5:15 pm.

Enrollment is month-to-month. See our website for forms and more details.



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ADW Baja and Jones have joined the Tuscon DA's office!
Photo by Chloe Davis-Masters

MEET OUR NEW PUPPIES

On the evening of September 9 and the early morning hours of September 10, 2018, ADW and mama dog Wallis welcomed a litter of eight adorable puppies into the world.

These future ADW assistance dogs will stay at our Sunrise Springs Puppy Enrichment Center working with trainers and delighting guests until they are four months old. During their time at the Puppy Enrichment Center they will learn many basic skills and become socialized to the wider world around them.

The theme for the puppies' names is inspiring memoirists. The six girls are named Simone (deBeauvoir), Tina (Fey), Patti (Smith), Gilda (Radner), Beryl (Markham), and Maya (Angelou). The boys are Emerson (Ralph Waldo) and Graham (Katherine).

Each puppy will train with ADW for an average of two years, learning up to 90 cues including how to open doors, climb stairs one at a time and retrieve objects. Your donation can sponsor a pup's education and, with your support, our pups can help change lives and open doors for people and communities in need. [assisteddogsofthewest.org/donate](http://www.assisteddogsofthewest.org/donate)



L to R: ADW Wallis enjoying some R&R, ADW Tina and Wallis's litter.
Photos by Barbara Odell