

# PATRIOT ASSISTANCE DOGS NEWS



Rescued Dogs Rescuing Veterans

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## We Need You!

Please consider volunteering with the Patriot Assistance Dog Program. You can help in many ways, including coming in the evenings to take prospective service dogs through training. No experience necessary, just a love of dogs! It's a lot of fun; come do something great!

**Call Us Directly!**

**218-850-2425**

P.A.D now has a dedicated office line which is monitored by our office assistant, Susan Pizarro, from 9 AM to 3 PM Monday through Friday. If needed, leave a voice message and she will return your call.

## **BOARD BITS**

### **MAY, 2018**

- Michelle Goebel approved as a new Board member.
- Discussion and approval of investing estate funds with Raymond James and Edward Jones Companies. Treasurer will work with these companies.
- 15 dogs are in training, which will suffice for the July class but will not be enough for the October class. More dogs are being sought.
- Offer from Village of the Smoky Hills to hold class there. A contract and further information needed.
- Three Board members will interview the top three candidates for the Administrative Assistant position and forward their recommendation to the full Board.

### **JUNE, 2018**

- The designer of our logo gave us the right to copyright it. This will be pursued.
- Voted to have Paymasters as the P.A.D. payroll company
- Administrative Assistant and two trainer positions were approved at 20 hours per week. The bookkeeper position was approved for 10 hours per week.
- By -laws amended so that Board members who are also P.A.D. employees will abstain from votes which impact their positions or wages.
- Volunteers for a P.A.D event may be reimbursed up to \$100 for expenses. A request to the Board must be submitted one month prior. Event leaders may be paid mileage and hotel room costs.
- Discussion about not placing any dogs with veterans who do not have a stable address as they are often returned to the program.

### **JULY, 2018**

- Michelle Goebel will take over the Board Secretary position from Mary Jimmerson.
- Derek Briggs made a presentation about a golf tournament he is putting on in International Falls to benefit P.A.D. and raise awareness about the program. He requested an advance of \$2500.00 for prizes; more than enough has already been donated to reimburse the program. Approved.
- Administrative assistant resigned. Susan Pizarro, who has already been volunteering in this position, was approved as the new Administrative Assistant for up to 25 hours per week.
- Approved getting a cell phone service contract for a P.A.D. dedicated line. A donated phone has been received.
- Accepted the donation of a Lab puppy who will be used for breeding purposes for the program.

- Discussion of a veteran whose life expectancy is 3-6 months. His dog has already served three veterans and will be allowed to retire with the veteran's wife.

## SO GRATEFUL!!

Blu, a P.A.D. dog in training, was found to have Heartworm. Treatment is expensive but a request was put out on social media and **YOU** came through with more than enough to make sure this wonderful dog gets all the treatment he needs! Blu is now on his second phase of three phases of treatment and is doing well. He will make a great service dog for some veteran!

## CONGRATULATIONS!!

The following teams graduated between Oct.1, 2017 and Sept. 29, 2018. All were honored at P.A.D.'s annual graduation event, Serving Those Who Served.

Isaac Smith & Midnight	Lisa Reinholdt & Miqa	Richard Taffe & Thor II
Michael Alexander & Willow	Richard Oreskovitch & Henry	Lee Fundanet Sr & Huckleberry
Jerry Kress & Kacie	Tom Blumhoefer & Lucy	Scott Geiselhart & Sarge
Richard Moellers & Archer	Anthony Ortloff & Ellie	J. Vanderlinden & Gooseberry
Colin Brooks & Harley Girl	Donald Klaksvik & Mason	Jerome Abbott & Miika
Steven Vraa & Roxy	Jon Hess & Sancho	Connor Payne & Sunny
Ryan Beecher & Bella 2.0	Jermaine Geter & Cooper III	Laurel Sharisky & Dixie
D. Parks-Atkins & Pudding	Steven Cornett & Clifford	Paul Sivigny & Roscoe II
J. Strohmayer Jr. & Apache	Jeremy Christenson & Duke	Richard Stauty & Emme Anne
Richard Hartwick & Hazel	Karen Caldwell & Keno	Jason Kelly & Sammy
A Louwagie-Gordon & Chip	Jesadae Lafella & Sgt. Pepper	Roger Man & Thelma
Jerry Smith & Chance	Andrew Niskanen & Chase	Matthew Vleck & Doc
William Gronberg & Rocko	Robert Stuart & Sherman	

Completing training in the P.A.D July class were:

Jerry Smith (U.S. Army) and Chance

Matt Vleck (U.S. Air Force) and Doc

**Patriot Assistance Dogs now has 162 fully certified teams!!**

## IN MEMORIUM

P.A.D lost two veterans and members of our family this year:

Anne Marie Ianniciello

Donald Klaskvik

2/15/1946 – 5/25/2018

11/3/1947 – 9/2/20

Anne Marie's dog Chase was reassigned to another veteran. Donald's dog Mason will remain with Don's family.

## WATCH FOR

10-6-18 Airport training (2019 dates: April 13, June 1, and Oct. 5.)

10-10-18 Veteran-owned dog clinic (by invitation)

10-22 to 26-18 P.A.D class

11-17-18 Holiday Open House at the P.A.D. facility

12-3 to 7, 2018 Veteran-owned class (by invitation)

All year: Sponsorships of dogs available. Some wonderful well trained dogs don't make the service dog cut but would make great pets. Inquire today about availability!

### **HEAD TRAINER:**

Linda Wiedewitsch

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

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