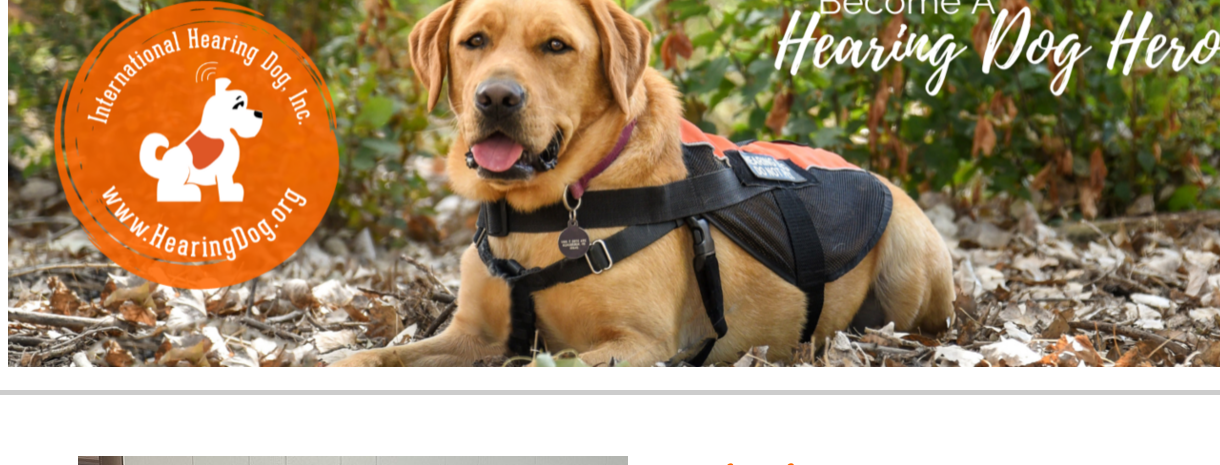


August Hearing Dog Herald



Shelter to Service

Lynne & Hearing Dog Cherry

Team work:

Collaboration · working together ·
combined effort · mutual support ·
partnership · unity · understanding.

Teamwork is at the core of the Hearing Dog program, from our staff, the trainers, community, volunteers and Hearing Dog teams! Nothing brings us more joy than hearing from those teams as they share their personal stories of teamwork in everyday life!

Just recently Hearing Dog team Lynne and Cherry dropped by and shared their story!

"I was caring for my Mom, who at the time was 97 years old, when IHD placed Cherry with me. From the time Cherry came into my home, she took an immediate liking to Mom."

When Mom was in her chair watching television or listening to her recorded books, Cherry would lay at her feet. When Mom was in bed, Cherry would "stand guard" laying in the doorway to Mom's room. Cherry not only "watched over Mom" but she also performed all her duties to me when needed.

As time went on it became harder for Mom to call loud enough at night for me to hear her since I did not have my hearing aids in. We tried several different options so I could hear that Mom needed attention. However, that sound was not enough.

I purchased a counter bell and we thought we would give that a try. During the day it worked well. However, the problem of hearing that "ring" at night was troublesome. Cherry is trained to alert me to the smoke alarm (she's never had to do that except when we "practice") and to the doorbell. What about alerting me to Mom's bell? We all set out to train Cherry to do just that. It took a few trial runs (and treats!) and Cherry had the routine down perfectly. Regardless of when Mom rang that bell, Cherry would jump up, find me and head for Mom's room. Mom and I both slept better at night knowing our Cherry was on the alert.

My mom passed away on December 17th 2021, just 22 days shy of her 100th birthday. I know Cherry misses Mom as much as I do"

As we send our condolences to Lynne and family, we find comfort in knowing that this team will remain steadfast partners in everything life brings their way. Thank you Lynne, for passing along such a dynamic story of teamwork.

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Community Outreach

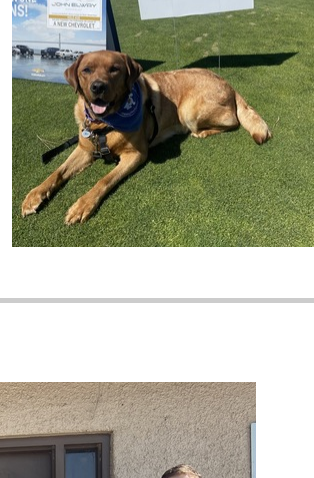
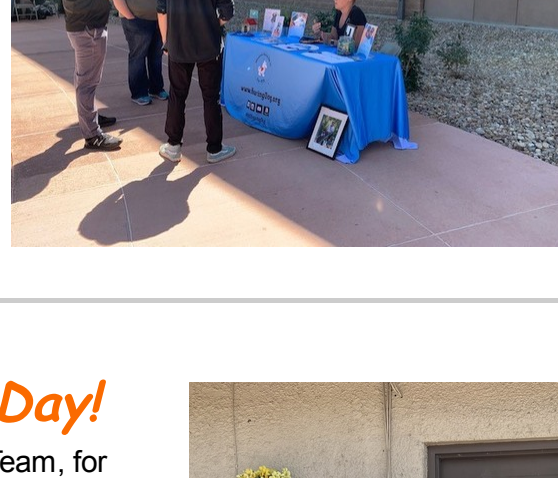
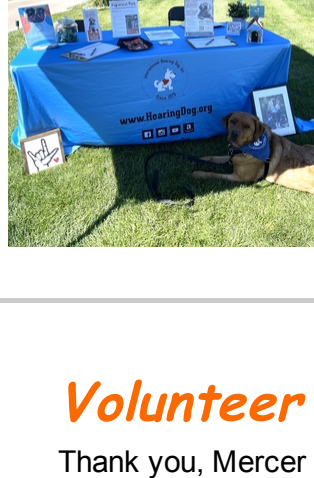
From the golf course, to CU Boulder, Oracle campus & School of Mines..we are looking for YOU to open your heart and home to a Puppy in Training. Have you ever seen a service dog working studiously alongside their handler in public and wonder how they learned to be so confident in any situation, reliable in their work, and keep their tail wagging, all at the same time?

What if we told you that it was because of someone just like you that raised that service dog since they were a puppy!?

Puppy raisers teach a puppy the fundamentals of basic manners and obedience cues, expose the puppy to positive interactions and give them a loving and enriching home during their young life stages. Being a puppy raiser is a challenging project but the reward of giving someone their independence, confidence, and life back with a service dog that you raised is priceless!



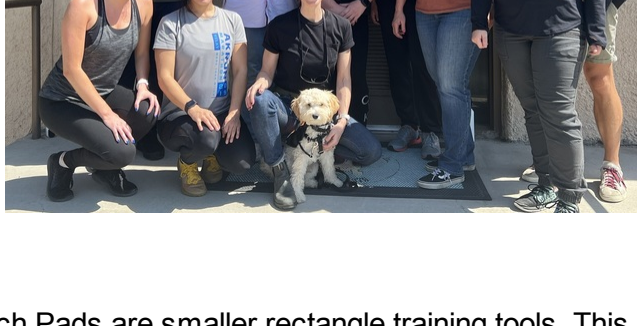
[Learn More About Becoming a Puppy Raiser](#)



Volunteer Day!

Thank you, Mercer Team, for your volunteer hours earlier this month and supporting the Hearing Dog program by building three new forms of equipment for our training!

The employee volunteer group worked with our staff at IHD to build new Paw Pads, Pivot Discs and Platforms for our program.

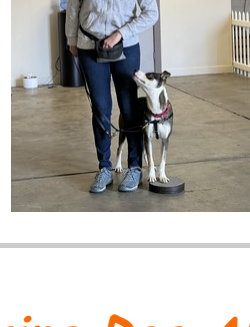
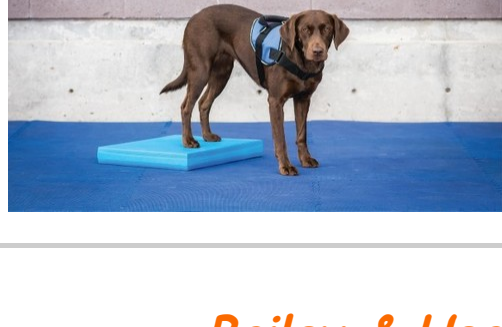


The Paw Pads, also known as Touch Pads are smaller rectangle training tools. This pad is used in training a dog to put their two front feet on the Paw Pad beside you, in the Heel position. The pad gives the dog a physical and visual target for their feet on which they can practice sit, down, and standing all while being in heel position. This piece of equipment can help the pup learn impulse control and allow them to be successful in more distracting environments.

The Pivot Discs are the circle equipment you see pictured. Dogs again learn to put their two front feet on the pivot disc, like the paw pad. The dog stands beside their handler in the heel position and are then trained to pivot using their back legs while keeping their front legs in place, as their handler moves left or right. Service dogs must learn how to use their back end, so this strengthens their body awareness and ability to get in heel, and remain in heel, as their handler moves in different directions.

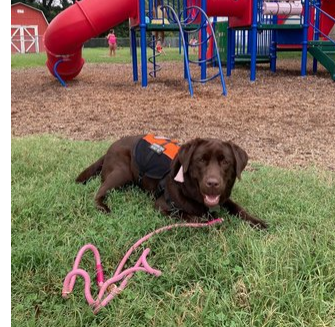
The Platforms are the large rectangle forms, designed in length so a dog can stand on one with all four feet. Dogs are trained on this equipment to target the platform with all four feet and stand squarely on it. This tool can then be used to teach lots of different behaviors, including heel, front, long distance cues, stay, and stand.

Thank you, Mercer! Keep an eye out for future photos and videos of trainees using this new equipment!



Bailey & Hearing Dog Alta, Update!

"Alta has loved her summer job at the daycare! The kids are amazing with her and did a great job at respecting that she is a working dog! If they do a good job during the week they get to throw her toy for her a few times on Friday's. So proud of her and all of my daycare kiddos! We sure will miss it when we the school year starts!"



FUR-ever Home Needed

Adopt me, Tulok!

We're sure it's Tulok's good looks that caught your eye, but this handsome boy has so much more to offer! Tulok is a four-year-old neutered male husky mix who is friendly, enjoys petting, can be mischievous, makes different kinds of vocalizations, is playful, enjoys brain games, and LOVES to spend time outside.

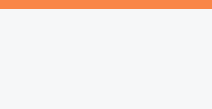
Due to his mischievous nature, Tulok needs a home with a fenced in yard for safe exploring. He would be a wonderful hiking buddy, though will need to go to a home without children. Only applicants who are committed to giving him the time, acceptance, and support he needs to make a successful transition into your life are encouraged.

Tulok is looking for someone he can walk with every day and watch tv with from his own spot on the couch. He already walks nicely on leash and knows basic obedience cues like sit, wait, and stay. Tulok is no longer a hearing dog candidate because he'd really prefer not to work full time and would rather pursue his own hobbies. His most favorite hobby is to lay in the yard enjoying the fresh air, watching the trees, and hoping for a glimpse of some squirrels or birds. He'd love to have his own yard and would keep you laughing when you see him rolling in the grass or snow - he has fun with it all! Tulok would do best in a home without young children or visiting children. He gets along well with cats and enjoys play time with other friendly dogs though he can be dog selective, especially with male dogs. He'd do best living as a solo dog or with a female dog.

Tulok likes to play with squeaky toys and chew toys and can entertain himself with these. Food puzzles are another favorite activity because they make him think & focus, and Tulok flourishes off mental activity as much as physical activity. Tulok likes to get belly rubs and enjoys leaning against you for petting.

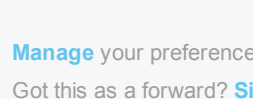
Like most huskies, he is independent and intelligent, and would do best with a family that has prior dog experience with the same or similar breed. Tulok should continue training with his new family and needs someone dedicated to him and able to give him the time and space necessary to settle into his new home. If you're looking for a walking partner to share your life with and are interested in this sweet and dapper husky mix, fill out an application on our website here

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