



The Hearing Dog Herald January Newsletter - Happy New Year

Make 2022 Life Changing!

Happy New Year! We hope you have had a healthy and happy start to 2022. At IHDI, we have been setting our sights on an exciting year ahead, continuing to place life-changing dogs with clients. But first, let's take a look at how YOU can change the world in 2022 with International Hearing Dog!

Become a Hearing Dog Hero

Join our Hearing Dog Hero, monthly donor community! Schedule a re-occurring donation to IHDI in the gift amount of \$20/month and join the new Hearing Dog Hero exclusive monthly newsletter highlighting a dog in training as a behind the scenes narrative of your life changing commitment to the d/Deaf and hard of hearing community along with the inspiring dogs being trained to aid these individuals by providing safety, independence & companionship. Current monthly donors, thank YOU & a round of a-paws for your continued support, you will be included in our monthly Hearing Dog Hero emails!

Becoming a monthly donor of IHDI is easy, secure and convenient. When you sign up, your gift is automatically charged to your credit card each month. That steady revenue stream helps us save on fundraising costs and budget more effectively. And of course, you can change or stop your gift at any time.

Most important, you'll be playing a vital role ensuring more dogs receive the care and customized training necessary to serve their human partners, by becoming a Hearing Dog Hero!

[Become a Hearing Dog Hero Monthly Donor](#)

Become an IHDI Foster

You've heard the saying 'it takes a village,' well the same can be said to train a hearing dog.

Unquestionably, hearing service dogs have to be at the top of their game for their human partner.

Therefore, a tremendous amount of training, time, and development is invested in each dog to set them

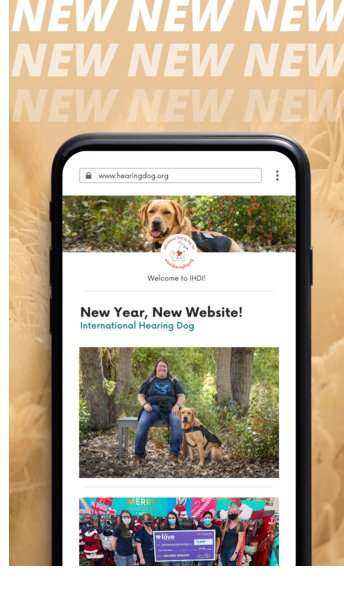
and their partner up for success as a team. Volunteers serving as fosters and puppy raisers for our hearing dogs in training make a world of difference towards a dog's training foundation and longevity of service.

Fostering or puppy raising requires no financial obligation, and training, support, and supplies are provided.

- **Weekend Fosters** ~ Minimum commitment of 1 weekend per month
- **Long-term Fosters** ~ 3 to 9-month commitment dependent on training progress
- **Emergency Fosters** ~ On-call for dogs in unexpected scenarios (i.e., medical recuperation)
- **Puppy Raisers** ~ 9 to 18-month commitment involving raising the puppy, socialization, developing good manners, and working on basic cues.

We recognize that fostering or puppy raising may seem daunting. However, being even a small part of the transformation of a dog into a trained service dog that hears for their partner, so their partner experiences greater comfort, safety, and independence is a reward like none other. Plus, IHDI staff works alongside volunteer fosters and puppy raisers providing extensive training and support every step of the way!

[IHDI Volunteer Opportunities](#)



New Year, New Website!

International Hearing Dog is starting the New Year by putting our best paw forward with a fully revamped website that helps visitors dive into the training, acquisition, benefits, and mission of Hearing Dog. Our new website brings you a Newsroom with all the happenings of IHDI, ways YOU can support IHDI, Hearing Dog/ADA resources, presentation requests, testimonials and so much more.

Check it out!

[IHDI's new Website!](#)



Betty White Leaves a Golden Legacy

Her spark and her love for our furry friends was truly inspiring and energizing. Please join us in celebrating a true hero of animals in honor of what would have been her 100th birthday.

Betty White was a champion for animals & animal welfare throughout her life and career.

January 17, 2022 would have been Betty's 100th birthday. To continue her legacy of supporting animals, we encourage fans to make a gift in her name. It's a testament to the kindness of Betty White that 99 feels too soon!

IHDI would be honored if you chose to memorialize Betty by supporting the Hearing Dog program in honor of her 100th Birthday.

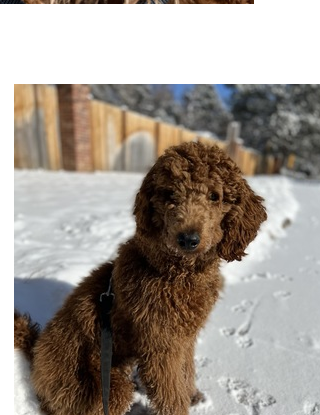
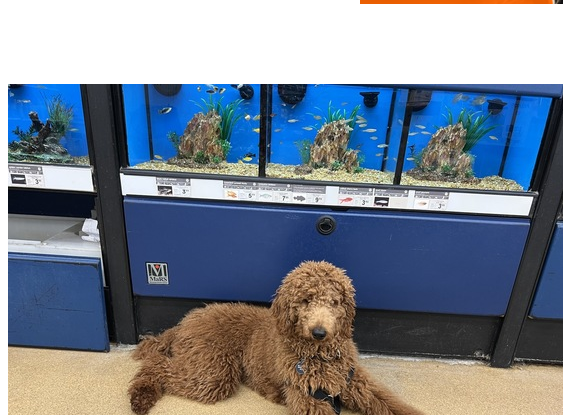
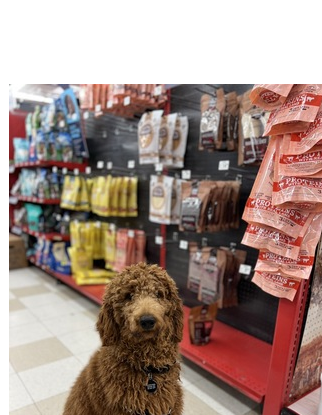
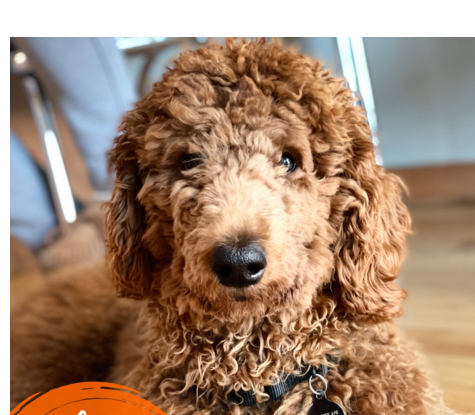
However, whether you are donating to us, her favored charities, or a local animal group close to your heart, thank you for honoring this woman and the animals she loved so much! Thank you! and...Happy Birthday, Betty White!

"Thank you for being a friend"

[Donate in Betty White's Name](#)

Welcome, Phoenix!

Thank you to all who helped "uncover" IHDI's newest recruit, Phoenix on our Facebook page's puzzle extravaganza! Phoenix is a male standard poodle with the personality fit for a Service Dog candidate. We are excited to welcome this golden boy to the Hearing Dog program!



3rd Annual Valentine's Day Fundraiser!

With Valentine's Day just around the corner, we are celebrating our third annual Valentines Day fundraiser!

For every \$5 donation, we will hang a heart in our kennels, training room, or staff offices with your message of love!

Honor a two or four legged love one past or present, give thanks, or send love and well wishes to IHDI & Hearing Dogs in training.

Have a special message you'd like written? Simply add a comment via your donation in the box provided and we will add it to the heart before being hung throughout the facility!

[Third Annual Valentine's Day Fundraiser](#)

Thank you, Kong!

Back in October, while attending Rocky Mountain Deaf School's Trunk or Treat event, IHDI staff & interns met & connected with a family whose child attends RMDS and their father works for KONG, a dog toy manufacturing company in Golden, CO.

Thanks to the generosity of that family and the KONG company, IHDI was gifted two full boxes of new toys for our Hearing Dogs in training.

These new toys brought tail wags instantly & will be used for enrichment, tug, fetch & lots of well-deserved play time.



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