



MOBILITYDOG ANNUAL REPORT 2023

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OUR MISSION

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MOBILITYDOG PROGRAMS



MOBILITY SERVICE DOG PROGRAM

MobilityDog raises, trains, and matches poodles with mobility-impaired individuals. Our poodles are donated by breeders whose priorities are their dogs' health, temperament, working ability, and longevity. A Service Dog (SD) is a living, breathing animal that is our responsibility to care for as they care for their Handlers (the people aided by a Service Dog). Once a Service Dog Team is formed, they continue working monthly with our SD Trainer and attend weekly Puppy Meet Ups and First Saturday monthly gatherings. When the work harness comes off, then it is playtime; playtime is essential! It takes a remarkable canine to become a Service Dog.



PUPPY RAISING (SERVICE DOG IN TRAINING) PROGRAM

Our volunteer Puppy Raisers introduce our dogs to the world and provide them with lots of love and the critical foundation to be successful SDs. We are grateful for their hard work! A Puppy Raiser loves and works with a puppy from 2 to 21 months old and during this time teaches it basic obedience, exposes and socializes it to the outside world, and introduces the foundations for key tasks it will learn to perform. Puppy Raisers meet virtually weekly, in person monthly, and participate in classes. Happy puppies make the best service dogs!

MOBILITYDOG PROGRAMS

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PAWS THAT EMPOWER & READING CIRCLE

MobilityDog's flagship educational program, PAWS that Empower (PAWS), enables individuals of all ages to embrace equality and understand diversity. Led by dedicated Service Dog Teams, we bring interactive workshops and presentations to classrooms, conferences, offices, and community gatherings. Engaging art activities and discussions focused on six core values—tolerance, kindness, compassion, integrity, gratitude, and confidence—to help participants gain knowledge and the confidence to openly discuss perceived differences. This fosters a culture of mutual understanding and acceptance, breaking down barriers and creating a more inclusive world. PAWS is STEAM with a conscience. While traditional STEAM education focuses on science, technology, engineering, art, and math, it often overlooks a crucial element: Social-Emotional Learning (SEL). PAWS that Empower seamlessly integrates SEL skills like empathy, collaboration, and self-awareness into STEAM activities, fostering critical thinking and emotional intelligence – the hallmarks of impactful and meaningful projects.

WAG is "Worthwhile, Awareness, Guidance" workshops. A Service Dog Team comes into your business and discusses how to create a user-friendly environment for people with disabilities. We provide interactive workshops exploring what full accessibility means. We present, listen to, and answer questions as we find solutions together. We are asking for equality for all with disabilities. We come to your business to help answer these questions:

- Is your business ADA Accessible and user-friendly?
- Does your business respect individuals with disabilities?
- Do you allow ADA medical devices (i.e., Service Dogs) to promote their FUNctional independence in your business?
- Do you fall under ADA, FHA, Rehabilitation Act, DOJ, or DOT requirements?
- Is your business prepared in language and entrance for people with disabilities?

WAG EDUCATION & ADVOCACY





OUR VISION

Our vision is for the community of people with mobility disabilities to live full, vibrant lives and achieve FUNCTIONAL independence with or without a Service Dog's assistance. We seek to create a user-friendly pathway for adults with mobility challenges.

DISABILITY NETWORK & BUILDING COMMUNITY

MobilityDog is not just another Service Dog organization, but rather a community of people who seek to harness the ability in their disability. We do not raise Service Dogs to hand them off to their handlers without further contact. MobilityDog supplements best practices of Service Dog training with a community for people with disabilities through Service Dogs, education, and empowerment. This innovative approach makes a dynamic forum for individuals to break through barriers of isolation and build a more user-friendly world, one person and one dog at a time. We meet virtually every Tuesday and in-person the first Saturday of each month. MobilityDog is here to support the journey and make the pathway kinder by choosing wellness and forward mobility adventures.



2023 BY THE NUMBERS

1,082

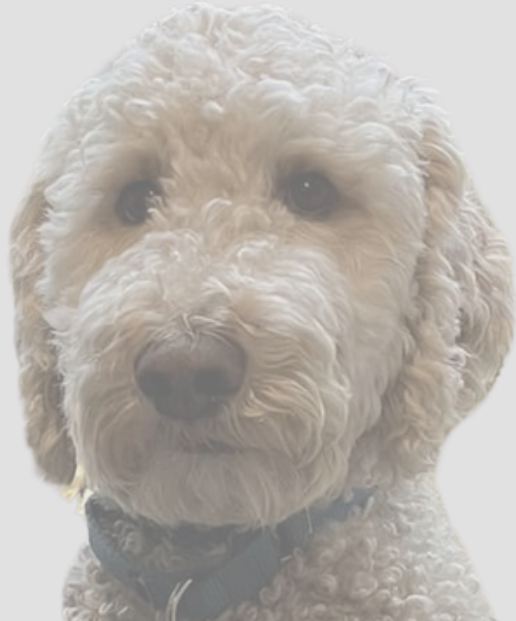
PARTICIPANTS IN PAWS THAT EMPOWER PROGRAM

31

BUSINESSES SERVICED THROUGH THE WAG EDUCATION AND ADVOCACY WORKSHOPS (IN PERSON AND VIRTUAL)

1,437

INDIVIDUALS EDUCATED THROUGH WAG



3

New Service Dogs in Training in 2023

2

New Officially Recognized Service Dogs in 2023

6

Puppy Raisers in 2023

32

Rescue Dogs Rehomed Since 2018

29

Service Dog/ Handler Teams Supported

39

Dogs Donated Since 2018

614

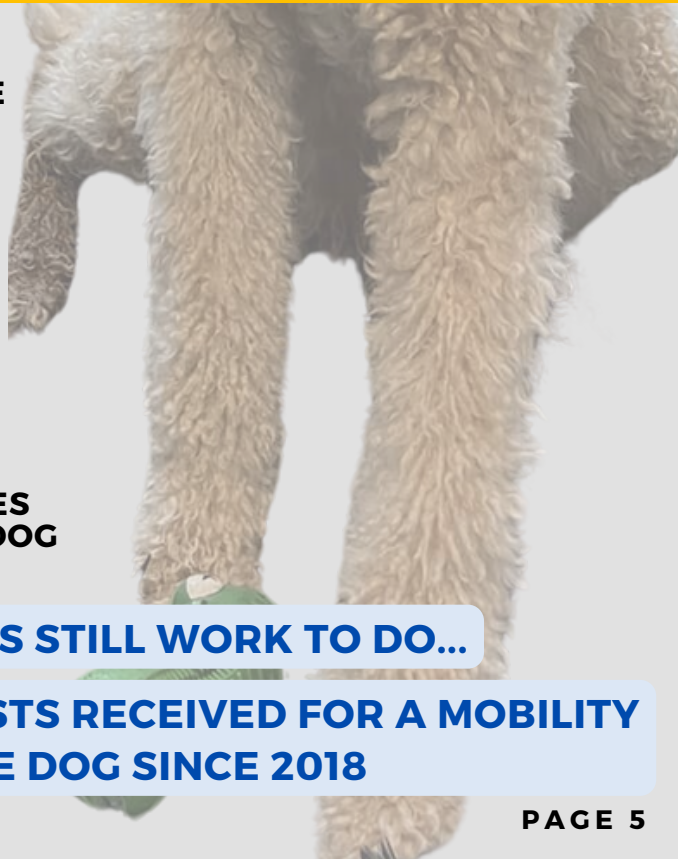
ADULTS SERVED BY READING CIRCLE PROGRAM

165

PEOPLE IMPACTED BY SERVICE DOG PROGRAM

93

MEMBERS OF MOBILITYDOG'S DISABILITY NETWORK, WHICH SERVES THOSE LIVING WITHOUT A SERVICE DOG



THERE IS STILL WORK TO DO...

373

REQUESTS RECEIVED FOR A MOBILITY SERVICE DOG SINCE 2018

MOBILITYDOG AND THE COMMUNITY

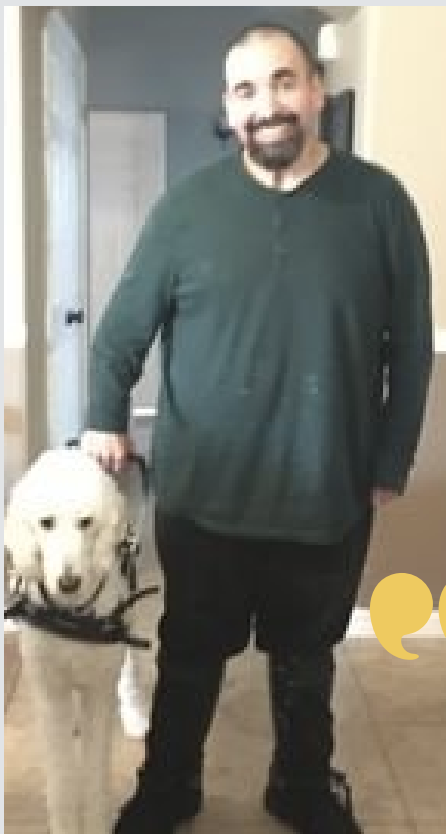
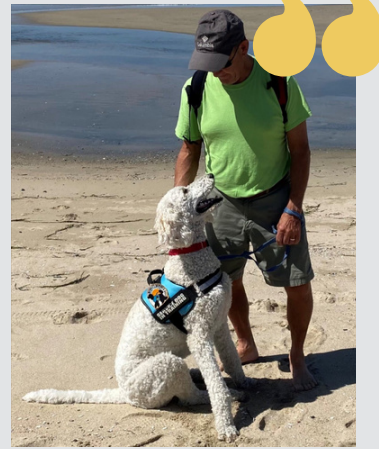
ADVOCATING, EDUCATING, RAISING AWARENESS

Joel Criado worked as a mechanic and suffered a devastating accident when a bus fell on and crushed his abdomen. Joel spent 5 months in the hospital after the accident. He was a vibrant individual with a full rich life and suddenly he couldn't walk or perform any personal care tasks by himself. It was hard for Joel and his family to accept that things were never going to be the same. After extensive research, Joel's wife found MobilityDog and spoke with Janie Heinrich, MobilityDog's founder and Executive Director. Janie understood what Joel was experiencing and reassured the family the organization would be able to help provide support on his journey back to gaining functional independence. Coincidentally, Jake, a Standard Poodle puppy, was beginning his training and with his temperament and large size, had the potential to be the perfect match for Joel.

After nearly 16 months of training, Jake and Joel became an official Service Dog Team. Jake brings joy and mobility to Joel by helping him walk and bracing him for a variety of activities. Jake also helps retrieve dropped items like keys and can bring him things such as the TV remote and his medication. With Jake by his side, Joel was able to walk for the first time after the accident. SD Jake's current goal is learning how to help do laundry!



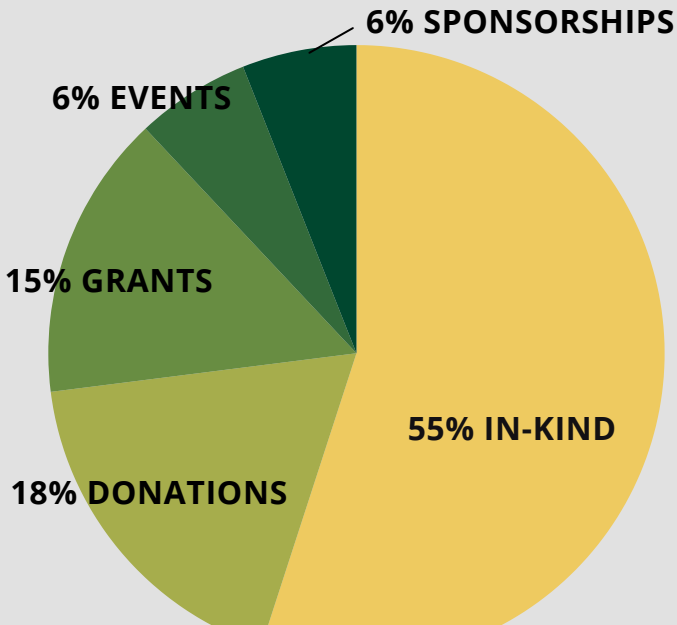
“When I saw [Joel] get out of his wheelchair and walk for the first time in over 3 years it made me cry...Watching Jake bond and work with his handler makes it all worthwhile.”
-Lonnie Saeger (Jake's Puppy Raiser)



“Ever since we've gotten Jake, he's gotten [Joel] more out of the house, and even through his day to day life he is able to do more, and presents so much more opportunities [...] he helps [Joel] do things he was able to do before, things he never thought were possible again, after the accident.”
-Kelly (Joel's daughter)

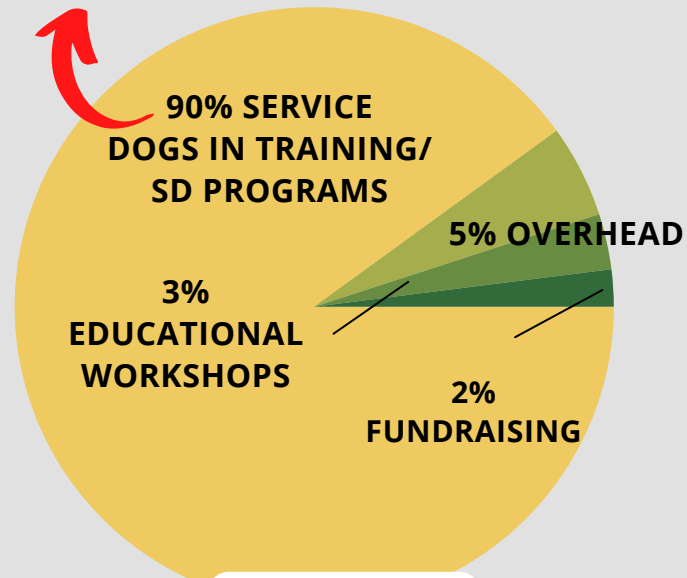


FINANCIAL OVERVIEW



FUNDING SOURCES

NEARLY ALL COSTS ARE FOR DOGS/PROGRAMS



EXPENSES

WE NEED OODLES TO RAISE OUR POODLES

MobilityDog is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. EIN 82-4426022

Donate Here!



EQUIPMENT AND TOOLS
Service Dog Custom Harness, collars, vest harnesses, leashes, 48" metal crate, 48" pad, stainless steel bowls, boots, balls, Kong, wheelchair hook, and tools for training.

PUPPY
Donation of Standard Poodle puppy or finding of a rescue puppy.

ROUTINE VETERINARY CARE
Vaccines, spay/neuter, heartworm, X-rays to begin bracing, tick & flea prevention, well-puppy visits.

MAINTENANCE
Food, teeth, grooming, treats, vitamins and insurance.

SERVICE DOG TRAINING
Experienced Service Dog Training • Once-a-week training support for our Puppy Raisers
• Teaching advanced obedience, task training, and service dog etiquette • Transitional one-on-one training with Handler and Service Dog to bond and support handler's needs • SD Team works with SD Trainer to pass the Public Access Test plus Tasking • SD Team support with SD Training the working life of the service dog.

PUPPY RAISERS
S.T.A.R. Puppy Certification, Canine Good Citizen, Canine Good Citizen Urban, and Canine Good Citizen Intermediate all done with their Puppy Raisers.

SERVICE DOG TEAM
Support of our SD teams for continued training for the working life of the dog.

SMALL OR LARGE - ANY OODLE WILL HELP US MEET OUR GOAL

\$32,000

TOTAL REQUIRED TO RAISE 1 DOG

Visit <https://secure.givelively.org/donate/mobility-service-dogs-west-coast-project> to donate today and help us reach our goal!

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MobilityDog gratefully acknowledges each of the generous donations received in 2023. Each gift we received went directly towards puppy raising, training, and placing a Service Dog with a mobility-impaired individual. Our work would not be possible without your support. Thank you.

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