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A.C.T.S.



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Assistance Canine Training Services News & Happenings



A.C.T.S. Passes ADI Accreditation

The Board of Directors, volunteer ADI Committee members, and administrators of A.C.T.S. are proud to announce that A.C.T.S. is now a fully accredited member of Assistance Dogs International (ADI).

The purpose of ADI is to improve the areas of selection, training, placement, and utilization of assistance dogs.

ADI's mission is to establish and promote standards of excellence in all areas of assistance dog acquisition, training, and partnership, and to facilitate communication and learning among member organizations.

Accreditation by ADI is a peer-review process. It is a uniform method by which ADI voting member agencies can achieve compliance with the operational standards of excellence established by ADI for organizations that train and place assistance dogs. Standards of compliance include every aspect of the program from general management of volunteers, training and placement of dogs, application and follow up procedures, general animal care and record keeping, and overall business practices, to emergency procedures, risk management, and general documentation.

Partnering organizations undergo an official document review and on-site assessment conducted by highly skilled assessors. During the course of the on-site visit, assessors interview staff, volunteers, the Board of Directors, applicants, and graduates. Assessors are also given access to a wide variety of agency documents and records, and they observe graduates and puppies in training during practice sessions.

At the end of February A.C.T.S. received word that their pre-assessment paperwork was approved. In the end of August A.C.T.S. completed their on-site assessment with Grete Eide, an ADI Evaluator and Chief Canine Care Officer for Guide Dog Foundation for the Blind and America's VetDogs in Smithtown, NY. In the beginning of October A.C.T.S. received word from the ADI Accreditation Committee that we have been approved for full accreditation.



Accreditation Committee: Left to Right - Virginia Cleary, Nan Ippollito, Cathy Burke, Mary Russell (Committee Chair), and Robin Crocker



Two Very Special Puppy Raisers

We hate to say good-bye so instead we say "good luck" to two very special puppy raisers. Paige (raising Denver) and Shelby (raising Captain) are off to college and we look forward to hearing of their successes and seeing them when they return.



A.C.T.S. Puppies Visit Some Special Supporters at C&C Reading Farm

Every year C&C Reading Farm in West Bridgewater, Massachusetts, is kind enough to donate some of the proceeds from their Doggy Day at the Maze. This year A.C.T.S. was able to attend this amazing event and enjoy some time with all our friends at C&C Reading Farm.



Greenwood Captain

In July Captain left us to go to his full time placement with Stephanie at Greenwood Elementary School in Toledo, Ohio. Our boy is now busy working in the classrooms and with individual

students as a Facility Therapy Dog.

He is now a full time member of the Greenwood community and passionately known as Greenwood Captain!



Our Puppies Are Always - ON THE MOVE -



Fryeburg Fair



The Clam Festival



University of NH



Cabellas



Church



Road Trip



Great Falls Balloon Festival



Cannon Mt. Tram



NH State Capitol



Boston



Portsmouth Harbor Cruise



Fort Williams State Park

You never know where you will see one of our puppies in training! If you follow us on Facebook you will see that our dedicated raisers are socializing our puppies at events and in places all over New England. You will see them at car washes, voting locations, at festivals, fairs, graduations, dentist and doctor appointments, pet shops, coffee shops, parks, hospitals, schools, and nursing homes. They go camping, to ball games, in museums, and into stores of all kinds. Our puppies in training have visited Storyland, Logan Airport, Portland Jetport, Acadia National Park, Concord, Boston, and Portsmouth. They are riding busses, trains, and working along busy streets, in parks, and on sidewalks. Be sure to say hi to our raisers if you see them working hard to properly socialize our dogs and prepare them for life as an assistance dog.

Follow Us On FACEBOOK !!!



Watch for This Years' Dine to Donate Fundraisers



Spaghetti Shed



Trails End Ice Cream



Black Cap Grille



Flatbread Company

Providing Assistance Dogs for Lifelong Partnerships

Everyone at A.C.T.S. is dedicated to the mission of training service and facility dogs. From the Board of Directors, volunteer administrators, to the puppy raisers... Everyone works tirelessly to make dreams come true. Your financial support is a necessary part of the process and we thank you in advance for assisting us.

-Kelley Brown, Board Chair



Thank you!



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