



# A.C.T.S.



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## Paw Prints

Assistance Canine Training Services News & Happenings

### Taking our knowledge from the classroom to the real world.....

Throughout the year our trainers meet with puppy raisers to help them along their journey. During our time in the classroom, we we learn a wide variety of skills needed for successful behavior out in public. Periodically we take our skills to the streets and have field trips where we practice everything we have learned in the classroom.

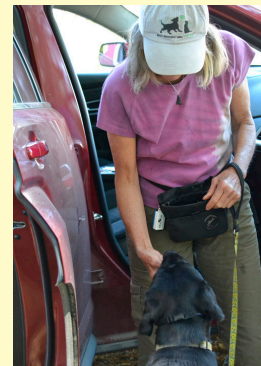
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Practicing Recall



In & out of cars

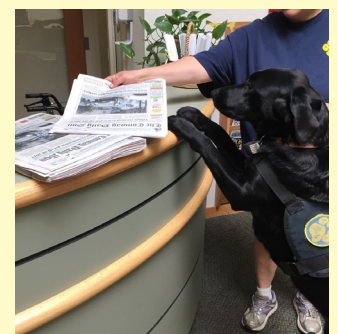


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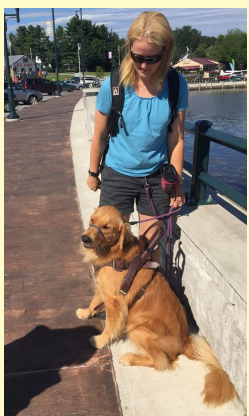


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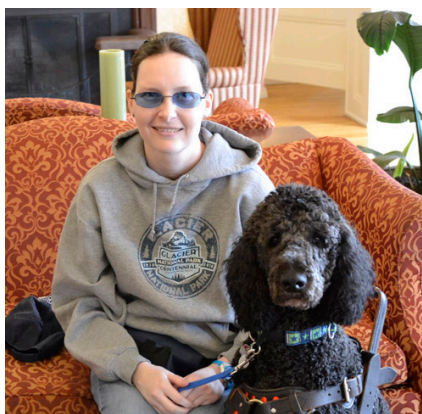
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### Meet Our Graduates



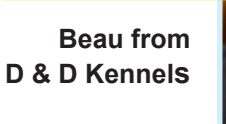
In May of 2015 we celebrated three new teams. Lyn and Facility Therapy Dog Bristol, are working with veterans with PTSD in yoga classes and with children in a reading program. Balance Dog Saco and Balance Dog Skipper help Emily and Beverly by providing support to steady them when they are unstable.

## A Big Thank You To The Generous Breeders Who Donate Puppies

Meet our current puppies in training and the kennels that they came from.



**Warner from A.C.T.S. breeding program**



**Beau from D & D Kennels**



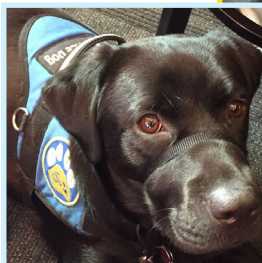
**Ace from Stargazer Labradors**



**Baxter from D & D Kennels**



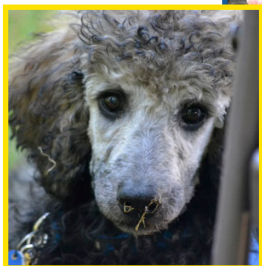
**Rye from Creekside Kennels**



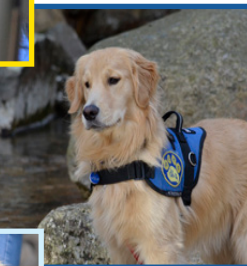
**Brooke from Creekside Kennels**



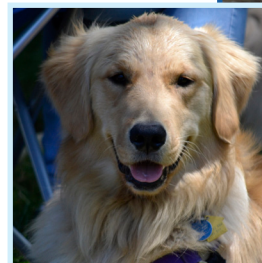
**Bella from D & D Kennels**



**Jaffrey from Goldens of Country Acres**



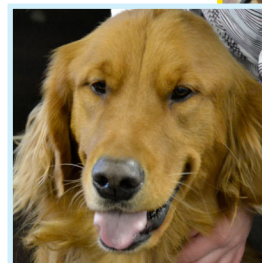
**Atticus from Goldens of Country Acres**



**Aspen from Salty Dog Retrievers**



**Hudson from A.C.T.S. breeding**



### In Loving Memory of Lynn Gustafson

Our sincere thank you to everyone who sent donations in memory of Lynn. We wish all her family and friends the best during these difficult times.



**No bones about it! We appreciate each and every donation. Assist us with the two year training process by donating to feed a dog, provide vet care, and purchase training supplies. We thank you for your generous support.**



*Donations in memory of our loved ones are a great tribute to the selfless lives and giving spirits they exemplified here on earth.*

*We are happy to honor your loved ones by accepting donations that go directly to the training of our dogs. No funds at A.C.T.S. go to salaries or to facility overhead. Our volunteers happily donate their time so that all gifts go directly to the dogs.*

*Dear Friends of A.C.T.S.,*

*It's so hard for me to formulate a message that conveys all my thoughts about the past year in just a few words. Suffice to say that this year has exemplified everything that has continued to make A.C.T.S. strong and successful.*

*We often speak of our "A.C.T.S. Family" which includes all of our volunteers, clients, and of course our dogs. It is this amazing family that enables us to continue to provide service and therapy dogs to the people who need them. I believe we have one of the strongest, most dedicated, and talented group of volunteers that I have ever had the privilege to work with.*

*Our extended family includes all of our supporters and followers. These are the people who graciously drop a few dollars into our donation boxes, buy our raffle tickets, support our fundraisers, and send us donations.*

*Our founder always said, "It takes a village". Join us as we continue to fight for greater independence through service dogs. We love having you as part of our A.C.T.S. family!*

*Robin Crocker,  
A.C.T.S. Board Chair*

## 2016 Events and Fundraisers

- January - A.C.T.S. Education Month on Facebook
- February - Spaghetti Shed fundraiser
- March - Attitash field trip
- April - Volunteer Appreciation Week
- May - Graduation
- June - Storyland field trip
- July - Hannaford Book Drive
- August - International Assistance Dog Week
- September - Flatbread fundraiser
- October - Fryeburg Fair field trip
- November - Holiday Photo Shoot
- December - Paws for Remembrance

**Breezy from Goldens of Country Acres**



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