



The Monthly Treat

July 31st, 2017

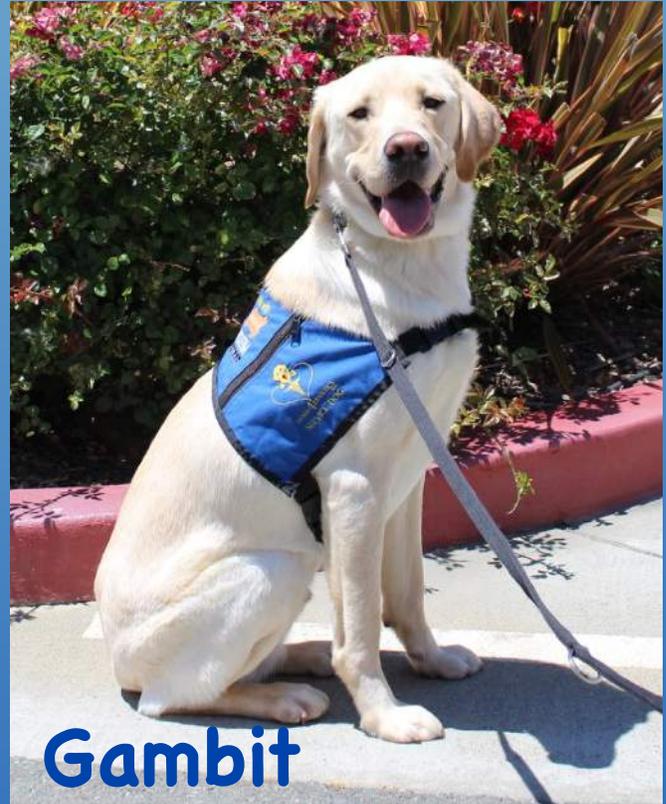


The Latest and Greatest with the D4D Dogs-in-Training



D4D Dog-in-Training, Gabe, is searching for "the scent."

NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK



We have three new career-changed dogs from Guide Dogs for the Blind at Dogs4Diabetics. They are all hard at work on their life-saving training.

Sweet Alba (above) is a female Golden/Lab cross with a lovable personality that will melt your heart. While our two male Labs, Gambit (top right) and Gabe (right), are quite handsome young pups who love to play and work hard.

Alba has recently passed her two week evaluation. Gabe is working on bucket training in phase B-1,2. Gambit is kickin' tail in phase 1b.



Dogs-in-Training

Dusk



Dusk is working with D4D trainer, Hayley, on the "Get It" game. He is now in phase B-1,3.

Robie



This adorable pup, Robie, has finished his training at D4D and is waiting to be placed with a client. He is in phase C6.

Congrats, Robie!

Kiko



Look at this sweet dog! Kiko is hard at work in her bucket training and kickin' serious tail. She has reached phase C5.

Megumi



Megumi successfully located "the scent" and was rewarded with a treat from trainer, Cindy. Megumi is in phase B-1,2.

Dogs-in-Training



Aiden

New dog-in-training, Aiden, is fast at work on bucket training and is showing our trainers that his "super sniffer" can find "the scent." He has advanced to C5.

Photo left: Aiden poses for a picture before working on his bucket training at D4D.



New Client/Dog Teams



Mike & Darling

Congratulations to our new Client/Dog team, Mike & Darling!

We wish them the best of luck as they work to meet their graduation requirements in their trial placement.

A very special Thank You to our beloved Guide Dogs for the Blind Puppy Raisers, D4D Foster Care Providers and to everyone who helps make these life-saving partnerships possible.

Thank you D4D Fosters, Carol & Bob Gaiser, for having a helping hand in the placement of Mike & Darling.



Working Towards Graduation...

Connor & Ving



Dogs4Diabetics Diabetes Buddy dog team, Connor & Ving, continue their fun and adventures together. They had a blast exploring the waters on a sailboat and spending quality time taking selfies. We just love to see those summer smiles.

Rebekah & Toga



"I call Toga my little life-saver because of the many times she has alerted on me and was correct when I had absolutely no idea that my blood sugar was dropping so fast. I love her so much and I'm always so amazed each time she correctly alerts on me. My favorite alert that she has done was when I was at the doctors office and she whacked me in the leg with her paw a couple of times to let me know my blood sugar was dropping. I laughed so much when she was right and I realized that she was alerting."

- Rebekah

#GoTogaGo #LifeSaver #OurDogsSaveLives

CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER...

Three D4D Client/Dog teams have met their Graduation requirements!!!

Sam & Chassis



D4D Client/Dog team, Sam & Chassis, have met their Graduation requirements and will be participating in our next graduation ceremony on November 18th. Congrats Sam & Chassis!

"This summer Chassis and I are tackling summer school! Together we are learning Spanish!! Chassis has even learned a command in Spanish, 'Let's go- Vámonos!'"

-Sam

Holly & Escort



D4D Client/Dog team, Holly & Escort, have met their Graduation requirements and will be participating in our next graduation ceremony. All their hard work has paid off! Congrats Holly & Escort!

"Escort and I attended our inaugural Bark in the Park and had a wonderful time with our D4D family. D4D and Escort have been a wonderful addition to my support network!"

-Holly

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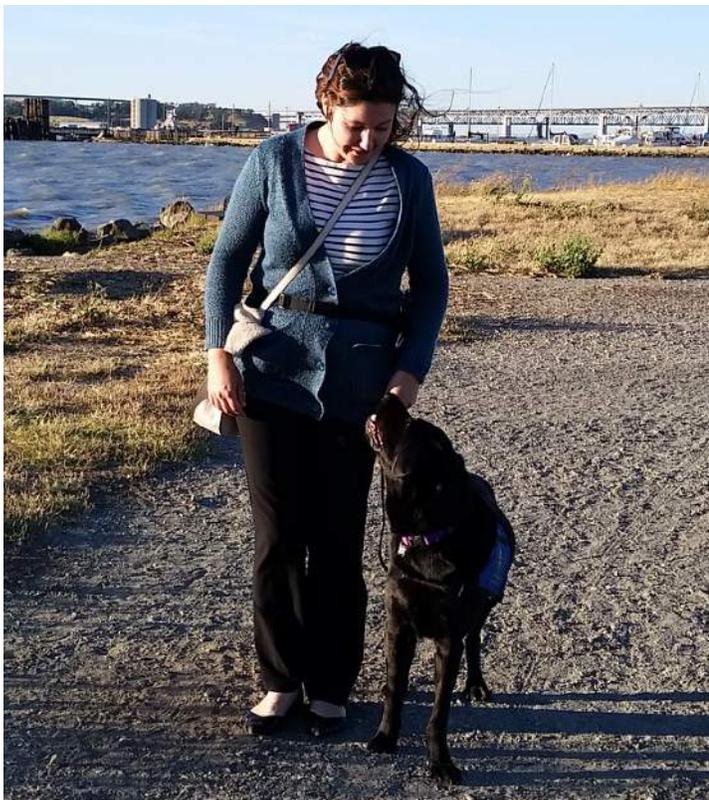
Lani & Quinoa



D4D Client/Dog team, Lani & Quinoa, have met their Graduation requirements and will be participating in our next graduation ceremony. Way to Go, Lani & Quinoa, on your team work and a HUGE Congratulations!

“Just another day at work— I introduced Quinoa to a Madagascar hissing cockroach.”

- Lani



D4D client Katie (currently waiting to be placed with a dog) is shown working with dog-in-training, Gabe, at the Martinez Marina during Foster Care class.

Photo Credit: Lauren Sinz



A Tribute to Eloise

February 23, 2005 to February 16, 2017

My sweet Eloise "Ellie" came into my life around September 2006. I had been part of D4D since about July 2006. This was during D4D's early years. At this time we went every Tuesday evening to training and one weekend a month on an activity (bart to San Francisco was one of our favorites). In September, Ellie was still in-training so I'd pick her up every Thursday night, from her Foster mom, Jeanie, and return her on Sunday night. After the Christmas holidays it was determined that Ellie was ready to come home with me full-time. Ellie and I graduated from D4D on June 24, 2007.

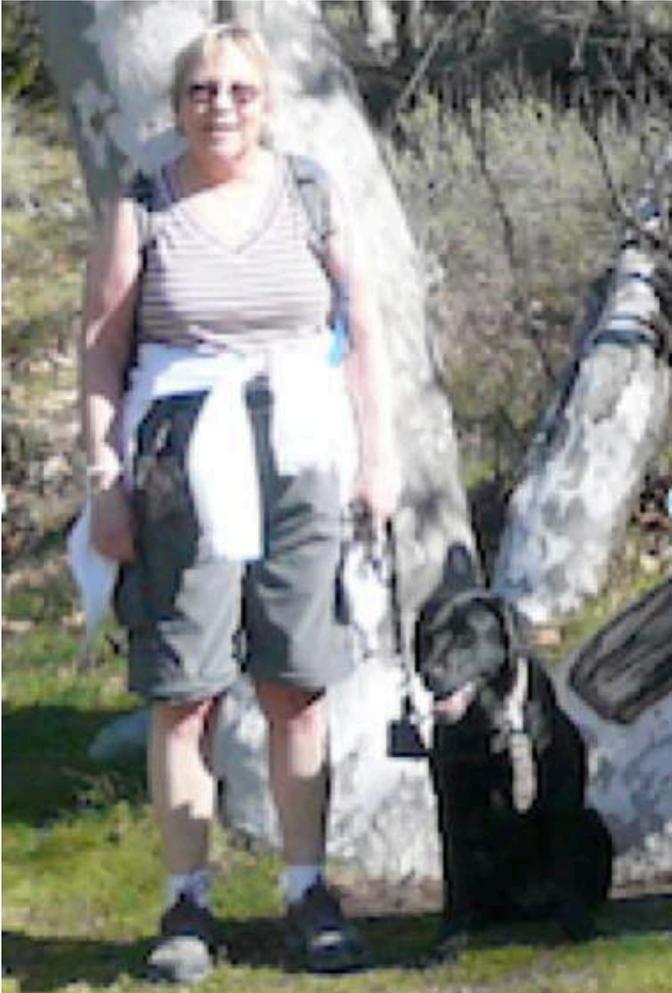
One of Ellie's first alerts happened while I was busy putting stuff away and when I walked back into the kitchen, to get my attention, she put her paws on my back. I figured fine I'll check my blood sugar. Well, low and behold it was at 28. She for sure saved my life that day. Ellie was my hiking buddy, was always there for me, and I knew that if I had a low in the middle of the night a 55 pounder would have

pounced on me and saved me. Ellie loved attention and yet when she realized that I wouldn't let people at work talk to her she walked about with her eyes lowered. I figure it was her respecting my wishes. If I let people at work talk to Ellie that would hurt her training to focus on me. Ellie was my best friend, loved me unconditionally, and was always there.

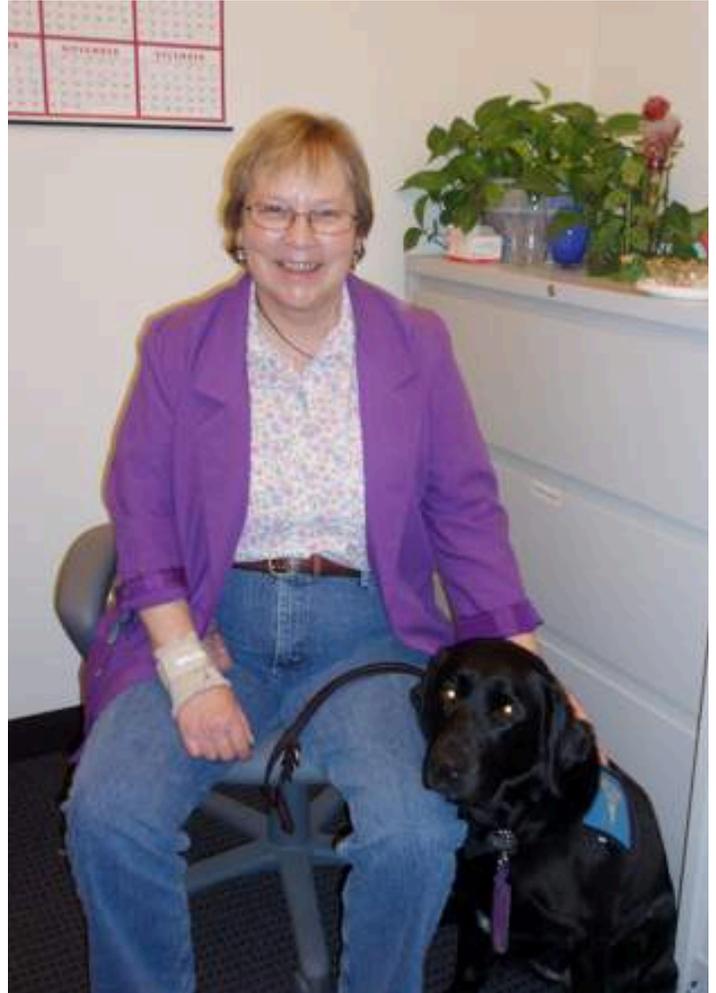
I had been so sick the week that she passed and hadn't been to work. On the morning of February 16 she appeared fine. After napping, I awoke at about 1 p.m. and saw her lying in the hall. I went to her and noticed that she had had an accident and worried about how humiliated she would feel. I tried to get her up and finally we made it to another room. I thought that she might have had a stroke and gave her an aspirin. While she was standing she collapsed. I called my friends, Jon & Gayle, and they rushed over. They also thought she had a stroke. Jon took Ellie in his arms to his truck to take her to SAGE veterinary hospital.

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Ellie on a hike with me



A young Ellie at work

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There were milkbones in the back of his truck, where he laid her, and she didn't even register that they were there. That was not Ellie. A treat never went untouched when she was around, if she could help it. I got a call about an hour later from a vet a SAGE. He told me she had Hemangiosarcoma and the steps to take, even though he didn't recommend them.

I am so grateful that I was able to have Eloise in my life for the past 10 years. I am grateful to D4D for all of the assistance I have received and the mere fact that they matched me with Ellie. She will forever be in my heart.

In February 2016, Ellie was diagnosed with Hemangiosarcoma, a tumor that developed slowly over time, that does not show itself until it's very advanced. Ellie passed away later that month.



Foster Care Class Schedule:

All Dogs4Diabetics Foster Care Training classes run from 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm, at IBEW Union Hall 1875, Arnold Dr. Martinez, CA 94553. A special thanks to IBEW Union Hall for letting us use their space free of charge.

Thursday Night Classes:

- 08/03 - No Class, D4D's "First Thursday"
- 08/10
- 08/17
- 08/24
- 08/31

As a reminder, send all reports (Foster Care & Evaluator) to FosterCare@Dogs4Diabetics.com)

Did you Know?

Your donations, large and small, contribute to the success of our program. Learn more how your donations make a difference.

Donate today: Dogs4Diabetics.com

Please Join D4D for our August Type-YOU Meeting.

This is an open support group for insulin-dependent diabetics to provide a forum for discussion of your life with diabetes.

**Tuesday, August 15th
@ 7:00 pm**

1400 Willow Pass Ct.
Suit 200, Concord CA
No registration needed.



Aiden looks up at D4D trainer, Cindy, before working on bucket training.

We Need Foster Care Providers...

Foster Care is one of the foundations of Dogs4Diabetics. The number of dogs we can accept into our program is determined by the number of Fosters available. If you are looking for a volunteer opportunity where your service will help save a life, please contact Foster Care Leader, Stephanie Perkins:



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fostercare@Dogs4Diabetics.com

Get involved and really make a difference!

Waggin' Wednesdays... continue to be a great opportunity for Guide Dog Puppy Raisers to learn more about community placement, and our training program. Waggin' Wednesdays is open to all GDB puppy raisers and GDB staff. Contact Carrie Treggett to set up your visit!
carrie@Dogs4Diabetics.com

Looking to recycle your aluminum cans, plastic & glass bottles?

Donate them to Dogs4Diabetics' Recycling Program and help us in carrying out our mission to serve the Diabetic Community. We are also in need of volunteers to help build the program. For more information, contact Jeannie Hickey at ghjeannie@aol.com.



DOGS4DIABETICS TRAINING PHASES

The A,B,C phases of Dogs4Diabetics training refers to the dogs' current level of training and socialization.

Phase A...

- GDB Released from the Puppy Home or GDB Early Training Release (Phases 0-3)
- Little or No Formal Training

Phase B...

- GDB Training Release (Phases 4-7)
- Needs more formal training to pass the ADI Public access test

Phase C...

- Completed Formal GDB Training (Phase 8) or Guide
- Meets standards of the ADI public access test

Scent Training Phases 0-8

- 0 - Pre-training evaluation
- 1 - Bringsel training
- 2 - Beginning scent training
- 3 - Intermediate scent training
- 4 - Advanced scent training
- 5 - Testing
- 6 - Waiting for placement with a client
- 7 - Placement with a client
- 8 - Client and Dog are ready for Graduation