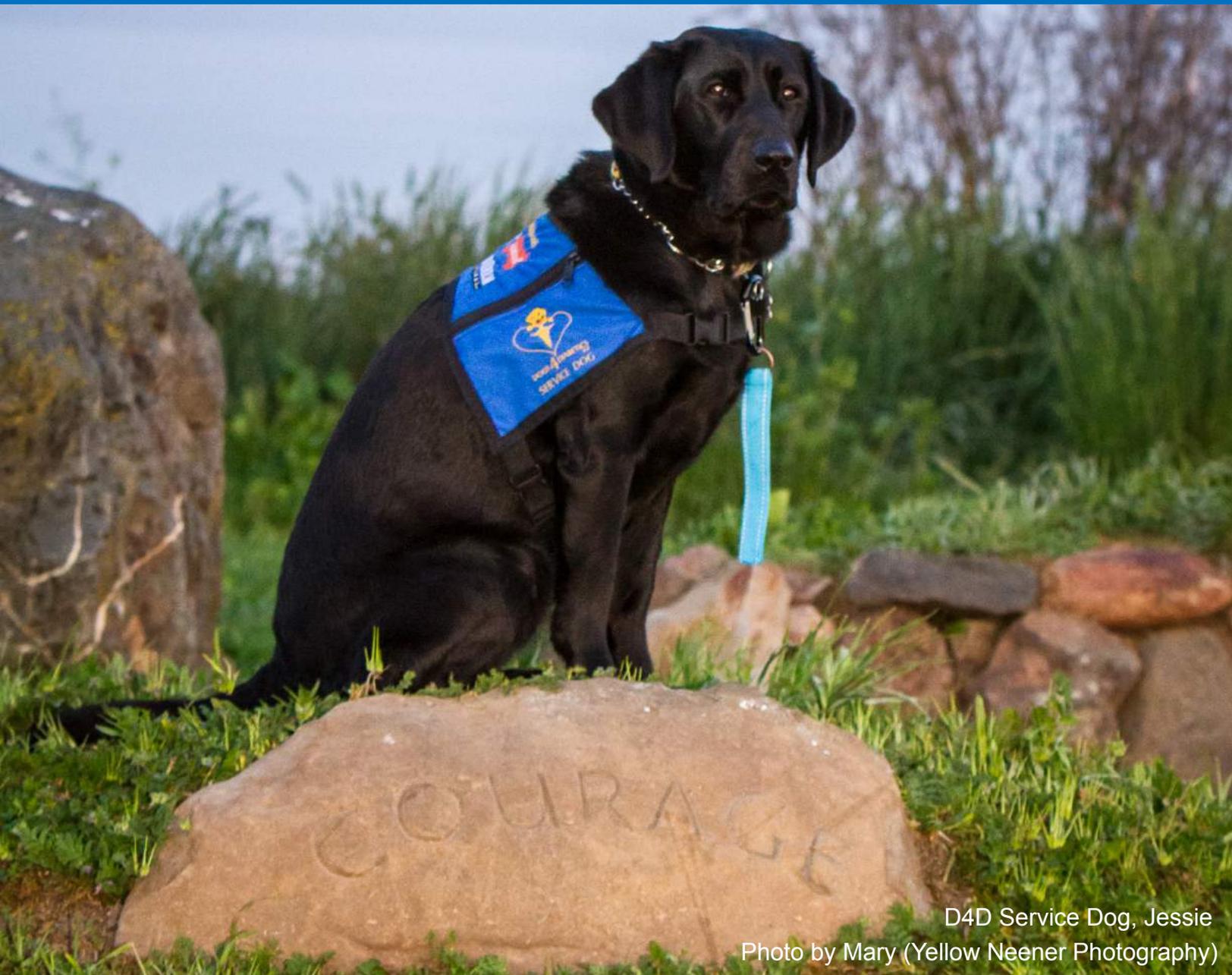




# The Monthly Treat

Monthly Update - D4D Dogs-In-Training and Client/Dog Teams



D4D Service Dog, Jessie

Photo by Mary (Yellow Neener Photography)

The Monthly Treat will now briefly feature our active dogs-in-training, current Client/Dog Teams in trial placement and Client/Dog Teams who have met their graduation requirements. The newsletter will ultimately transition into an engaging and interactive webpage experience once our new D4D website is launched in the coming months. Stay tuned...

# Dogs-in-Training



**Naru (GDB):** NEW dog-in-training, Naru, has started her scent and bringsel training at D4D. She is in Phase A-1,2.



**Sherlock (GDB):** This handsome Golden Retriever is working on improving his bucket and bringsel skills. Sherlock is kickin' tail in Phase B-1,2.

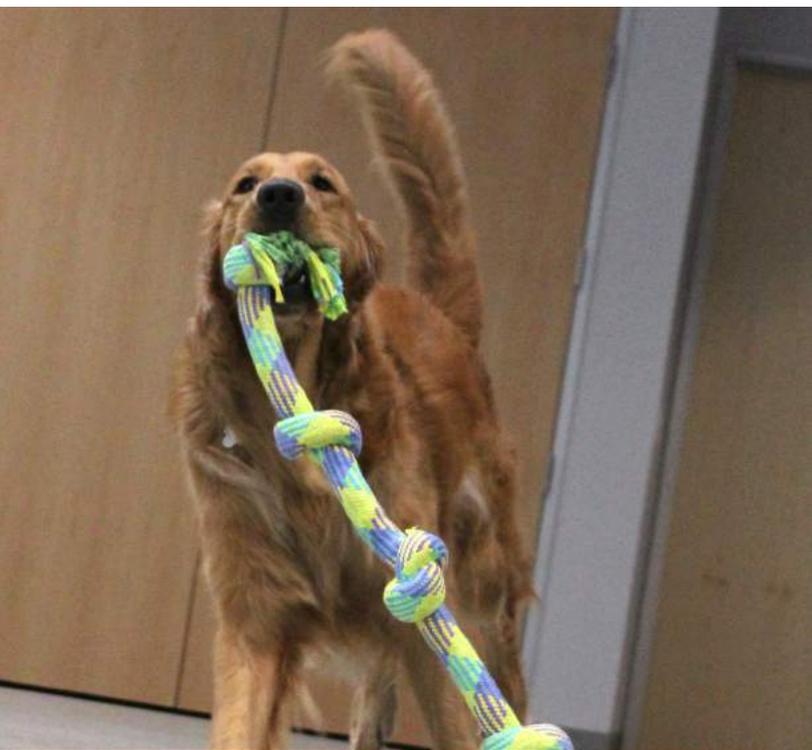


**Bandit (ARF):** This awesome pup is working with Programs Manager, Carrie, on a fun and engaging food puzzle game.



**Swanee (GDB):** This sweetie pie has been sharpening her skills in bucket training and is now in Phase C-1,2.

# Dogs-in-Training



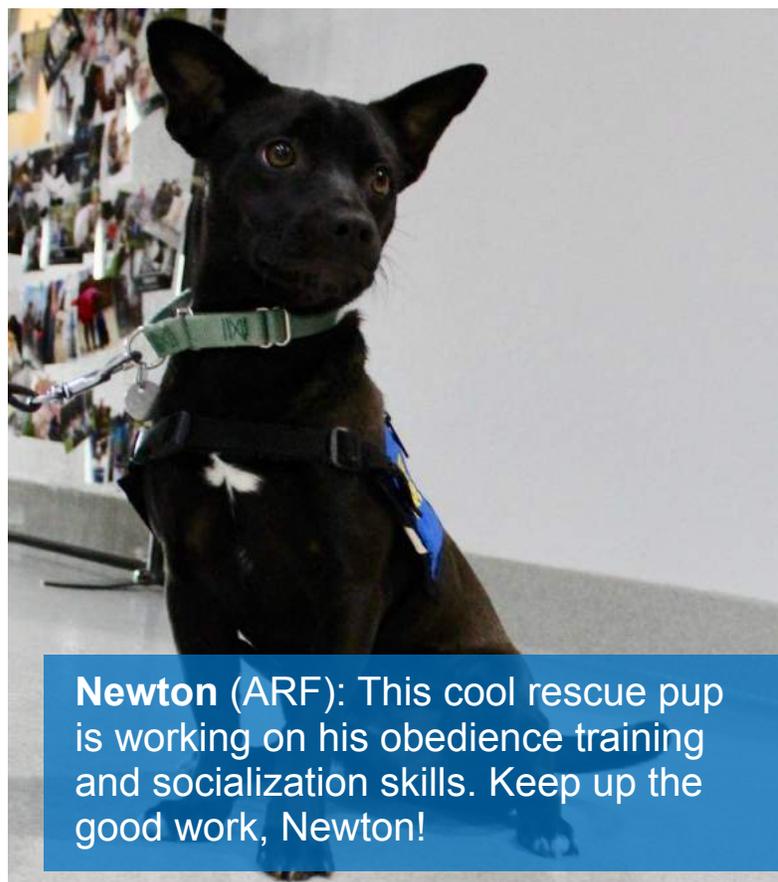
**Troy (GDB):** Playtime at D4D! Troy absolutely LOVES to play with the giant green rope toy. He is in Phase C-1,2.



**Collier (GDB):** She is working on CGM Alert Response training and retrieving items such as a test kit and a glucose bottle. She is in Phase B-1,3.



**Keller (GDB):** Black Lab, Keller, is working with trainer, Cindy, on bucket training. He is also learning how to grab a bringsel in phase B-1,2.



**Newton (ARF):** This cool rescue pup is working on his obedience training and socialization skills. Keep up the good work, Newton!

# Client/Dog Teams Working Towards Graduation



## NEW Client/Dog Team, Ken and Malone

Take me out to the ballgame...

D4D Client/Dog Team, Ken and Malone, are working hard to meet their graduation requirements and having fun too! This was Malone's first time to a baseball field in El Dorado Hills. They posed for a photo after practice for Malone's official baseball card.



## NEW Client/Dog Team, Aileen and Reva

"Reva is a beauty inside and out! She is inquisitive, aware, playful, tender, spirited, loving and a delightful companion to navigate life with. She is super engaged while being so sensitive to my blood glucose fluctuations besides that, Reva has so much more heart and accuracy than my CGM! I am filled up and spilling over with tears of gratitude and deep abiding appreciation for her and everyone who has helped her become who she is. Thank you D4D & Guide Dogs for the Blind for doing what you do so well!"

-D4D Client, Aileen

# Client/Dog Teams Working Towards Graduation

## Buddy Dog Team, Ben & Hatcher

“Hatcher has been such a blessing to Ben and our family. Ben has been very sick the last five days, and we were very close to going to the ER but managed to battle ketones at home.

Hatcher is a rockstar and very persistent... two out of the five days were constant high blood sugars and Hatcher didn't let up. He has become such a comfort for Ben throughout what it means to manage his diabetes - from pump changes to sensor changes to just feeling crummy, Hatcher is by his side. We love him!”

- Ben's Mom, Jamie



## Client/Dog Team, Tim and Gabe

D4D Client/Dog Team, Tim and Gabe, experienced their first snow trip together over winter and had a blast! We love to see those smiling faces of our teams.



# Client/Dog Teams Working Towards Graduation



## Client/Dog Team, Maureen and Rover

"I'm enjoying a warm Saturday afternoon feeling grateful to have received my second D4D life-saving dog. Rover is curious, affectionate, attentive, a smile maker, thinks he is a lap dog, and a joy to have by my side at all times. After 48 years of diabetes, Rover and Marcella are smarter than the average CGM. Go D4D dogs! Thank you to everyone at GDB, his puppy raiser, D4D staff, volunteers, and Foster families who have given Rover love and guidance to bring this sweet dog to be by my side to keep me safe."

- D4D Client, Maureen



## Client/Dog Team, Mike and Darling

1, 2, 3... Smile! Here is an adorable photo of D4D Client/Dog Team, Mike and Darling, taken with Santa. Stay tuned for a new exciting update of the team in February's issue of The Monthly Treat.

# Client/Dog Teams Working Towards Graduation

## D4D Client/Dog Team, Sara and Scotty



"I was so surprised to be placed with Scotty! D4D was right about him being the right dog for me. From day one, he fit in perfectly at home and at work.

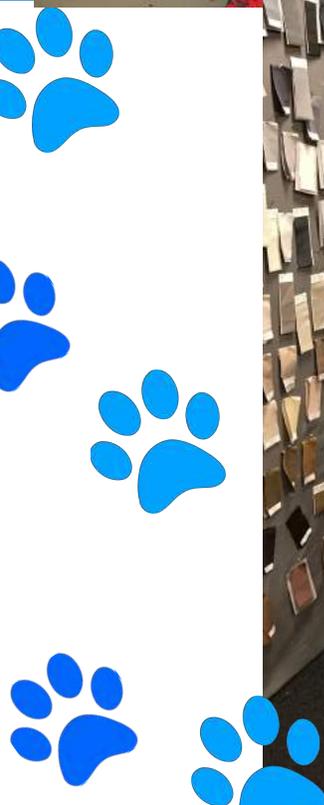
Scotty is a great partner. His calm demeanor is great on our daily BART commute with happy dogs and walks down busy city streets. His fondness for napping pairs well with my work in a darkroom!

On a recent vacation, Scotty saved me from several dangerous overnight lows. Sometimes I wake up at 3 AM to find him watching me; making sure he doesn't miss an opportunity to alert.

Despite the myriad of distractions throughout our day, Scotty stays focused and alerts! I feel much more confident keeping my blood sugars lower with him around.

It has been wonderful to watch our partnership develop over the last couple of months. Every day he makes progress towards achieving our graduation goals. Every day we become a better team. I love this big drooly guy!"

- D4D Client, Sara



# Client/Dog Teams - Met Graduation Requirements



## D4D Client/Dog Team, Samantha and Megumi

D4D Client/Dog team, Samantha and Megumi, was recently acknowledged at the Guide Dogs for the Blind graduation!

“It was so heartwarming! There wasn’t a dry eye!!! I want to thank GDB for giving Megumi another opportunity to work and become a D4D dog!!

I’d also like to thank Lynn Smith, Renee Anderson, and Gayle Bittner for raising the most loving and joyful pup! Thank you to the fosters and trainers at D4D for taking part, and contributing your time while she was in training!

Megumi is full of energy and is perfect in every way!!! Diabetes is HARD, but having Megumi by my side everyday definitely makes it easier!!”

- D4D Client, Samantha



## D4D Client/Dog Team, Sommer and Robie

“Robie and I moved recently, and even with all the new smells he still keeps doing his job. He’s so cute when he wakes me up at night when my blood sugar is low. Up on the bed, looking concerned. I can’t ignore him like I do my CGM. Our first night in a new place and he alerted twice while I was sleeping.”

- D4D Client, Sommer

