



# A.C.T.S.

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## Paw Prints

*Assistance Canine Training Services News & Happenings*

### The Stories We Love To Share.....





Facility Therapy Dog, Bristol has been matched. She works with her new partner, Lyn, in her yoga classes for veterans. Bristol is also working with children with Autism in a reading program.



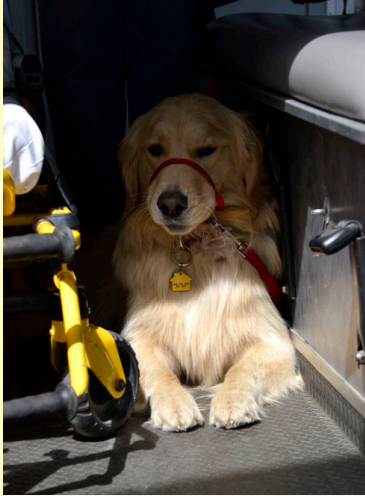
Camp Canine brought 38 youngsters into the world of service dog training. With activities in dog training and in disability awareness.

Camp Canine continues to be a great program for everyone.

The story of Phoenix begins and ends with both great moments of jubilation, and great moments of sorrow. As a young pup, his start in life included many medical visits and hours of dedicated care. While the struggle was difficult, each hurdle that was overcome, brought great moments of joy. Now, we watch Phoenix approach adulthood and move forward. With great happiness, we celebrate his new home with our founder, Dot Hyde-Williams. Phoenix will work with Dot as her Balance Dog. As we watch Phoenix grow into his new responsibilities, it is with great sadness that we also wish Dot the very best as she steps away from her responsibilities with A.C.T.S., to enjoy a well-deserved retirement.

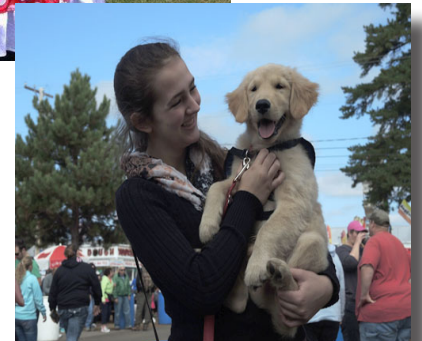
## More Stories To Share.....



Field trips are an important part of Service Dog training. Here, Jaffrey shows the other puppies how to settle in an ambulance on a field trip with North Conway Rescue.



Kim: Board Member, Auntie, & Event Committee Volunteer



Shelby: Puppy Raiser & Event Volunteer



Fun loving Skipper, who finished his training this year, has grown into an amazing dog, with a great attitude for both play and work. Much of his training time was spent working with Auntie Nan, pictured here training Skipper in the balance harness at a fund raising event.



Cathy: Puppy Raiser, Puppy Coordinator, Board Member, & Event Volunteer

Kathy: Puppy Raiser, Trainer, Demonstration Volunteer, & Event Volunteer



## Our Amazing Volunteers

We could not be prouder of our volunteers. Puppy Raisers open their hearts and homes to puppies, and dedicate their time and energy to their training. Aunties and Uncles help Puppy Raisers by taking dogs while they are on vacation, serving as short term homes for puppies, assisting during practice sessions, and helping to transport dogs. Board members volunteer their time to attend to the administration and financial health of our organization. Countless other volunteers assist us in too many ways to list. We wish we could show a picture of everyone. Thank you all !



Mary: Board Member, Secretary, Auntie, & Event Volunteer

# Paws for Remembrance

“Just this side of heaven is a place called Rainbow Bridge”

*“When an animal dies that has been especially close to someone here, that pet goes to Rainbow Bridge.”*

Honor the memory of your special pet with a Memorial Card. Drop us an email, letter, or message us on Facebook. Tell us the name of your beloved pet and if you wish, a few words. We will create a Memorial Card to hang on our Rainbow Bridge holiday tree. Trees will be located in local businesses in N. Conway, NH.

Donations boxes will be available where trees are located, or accepted by mail with Memorial Card requests.

For Information or to request a Memorial Card  
e-mail: [info@assistancecanine.org](mailto:info@assistancecanine.org)  
website: [www.assistancecanine.org](http://www.assistancecanine.org)

## “Command” Our Attention



**Give us a “Nudge”  
Donate \$100 or over**

**“Leave It” to Us  
Donate \$250 or over**

**“Stay” by Our Side  
Donate \$500 or over**

**“Tug” on our Hearts  
Donate \$1000 or over**

**Take a “Bow”  
Donate \$5000 or over**

Our dogs learn approximately fifty commands during their service dog training. Each dog trains formally and informally with both professional trainers and with their Puppy Raisers. A great deal of time, commitment, and money goes into the training of each dog. Your tax deductible donations are greatly appreciated.

# A.C.T.S. of Kindness

## Here’s How You Can Help.....



Your tax deductible donations help drive us toward our goal of providing service dogs to people in need.



The greatest gift, is the gift of time. Volunteer! We always need Puppy Raisers and other volunteers.



Link your account to A.C.T.S., and TD Bank will send us \$10. Open a new account and they will send us \$50. Ask about the Affinity program.

To view our wish list on AMAZON, select Wish List from the menu bar and search Assistance Canine Training Services.



The AMAZON Smile program allows you to link your purchases to a charity of your choice. Select the Nathaniel J. Williams Foundation.



Help us spread the word. Join our Facebook page and share our events and fund raisers. Link to Facebook directly from our website.



For more information on how you can help visit [www.AssistanceCanine.org](http://www.AssistanceCanine.org)

Dear Friends and Supporters,

As you read this, the volunteers and leadership of A.C.T.S. are celebrating a new beginning. We look forward and welcome change, growth, and progress. As we step into the future, we are optimistic and enthusiastic. As we say good-bye to an era, we say hello to a new beginning. It is with the greatest gratitude, love, and respect that we salute our organizations founder and her family, as they step back and let the next generation of leaders move forward.

Dorothy Hyde-Williams started A.C.T.S. as a tribute to her son. The passion that any parent and family feels for a lost loved one is evident in the organization that you see before you today. A.C.T.S. was born out of love, and survived and thrived because of a leader, her family, and their drive to honor a memory.

For those of us who move forward, the standard has been set high. The foundation that has been created with the love and support of an entire family, is strong and healthy. Dorothy, Fritz, Morgan, Kyle, and Sandi have built a house that will never fall down. And they have built a spirit that will never die.

Our deepest thanks go to Dorothy and her family. We look forward to walking in their shadow, and doing our best to make them proud of our efforts to carry on the work that is an honor and tribute to their love ones.

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



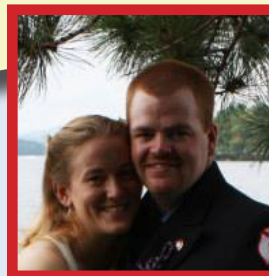
Dorothy Hyde-Williams  
Founder, Board Member,  
Puppy Raiser, Event  
Committee Member, Training  
Coordinator, &  
Executive Director



Nathaniel "Nate" J. Williams  
1982 - 2008



Charles "Fritz" Williams  
Board Member  
1943 - 2010



Kyle Williams &  
Sandi Lemieux  
Puppy Raisers &  
Event Volunteers



Morgan Williams  
Board Member,  
Treasurer, Secretary,  
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