



THE BRIGADOON BARKER



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"Offering a Helping Paw"

BRIGADOON Service Dogs ♦ October 2013 NEWSLETTER



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Tired Stork Delivers 9 New Puppies!

Labor Day, September 2, 2013 – It started out like any other Monday: dogs to feed, train, and care for, patrons to help, phone calls to be answered, and emails to be corresponded. Then, IT happened - Molly, a black Standard poodle, delivered NINE beautiful puppies into the service dog world!

The puppies are growing by leaps and bounds. They are beginning to become more playful by the day, love to be held by people, and are already starting to eat solid food! These little CollieDoodles have a very sweet, gentle and loving personality. Stay in touch with our newest additions to Brigadoon, on our "Brigadoon Service Dogs" Facebook page for weekly pictures and updates.



There's nothing cuter than a newborn puppy except... more puppies! It's been fun keeping track of who's who with colored collars when they're all black! Watch the video of Molly and all her pups online!

Now Recruiting "Puppy Raisers" in Whatcom County



Brigadoon is in need of puppy raisers! If you live in Whatcom County and would like to help raise a service dog - *to not only change your life, but the life of someone in need* - we are currently interviewing!

For more information please contact our Executive Director, Denise at denise@brigadoondogs.org.

Brigadoon Graduation and Annual Auction Raises Over \$25,000

September 7 – Brigadoon is pleased that we raised over \$25,000 during the 2013 Annual Auction, in conjunction with our Graduation Ceremony held in Lynnwood, WA.

Donations to the Auction, as well as purchased items at the Auction, were greatly appreciated. From delicious baked cakes, trips, hot-air balloon rides, spa getaways, "99-bottles-of-beer" and many more wonderful items - all went to the highest bidders.



Gala ballroom sit-down dinner elegantly adorned.



Colorful displays of wonderful auction items, raffle items, and the "Wine Frenzy".



KPA Certification Congratulations



Peg Murray and Denise Costanten

September 1 – Peg Murray and Denise Costanten just received their diplomas and graduated from the Karen Pryor Academy Dog Trainer Profession Program. This course took six intense months of training to become a certified Clicker Trainer, but was well worth it!

Congratulations to both of them!



Three Teams Graduated and Honored



Conrad and "Boo"



Haley and "Amigo"



Michael (Veteran) and "Riley"

Brigadoon is proud of all our graduates. **Congratulations!**



Scout" dressed for the occasion and children having fun!
Denise hugs and congratulates Holly and "Amigo".



Brigadoon would like to also take a few moments, to thank all of the wonderful volunteers that kept the Brigadoon Graduation and Auction humming and moving happily along! Our amazing volunteers gave countless hours of love to make this event a great success - *thank you!*

"Save the Date"
Please join us next year for our special

10th ANNIVERSARY

Gala Dinner and Auction!
September 20, 2014

At the Bellingham Golf & Country Club
Bellingham, WA.



Our New Intern: Julia Stark

September 21 – Brigadoon Service Dogs is pleased to welcome Julia Stark to our team. Julia will be helping Brigadoon as an intern learning how to train service dogs.



She has completed her course as a Veterinarian Assistant at Skagit Valley College, and is now enrolled in the Karen Pryor Academy Dog Trainer Professional Program.

In September of 2014, Julia is beginning a two-year study to become a Veterinarian Technician. We are very lucky to have such a talented, young lady join our organization.

Welcome Julia!

Loki's Wishlist

Our office mascot, Loki (aka our feline "don't-go-after-the-cat" dog trainer and official "greeter") knows what we need most at this time. New puppies also need a lots of TLC and clean-up supplies. So please help us if you can. We need:

- ☐ Large bath towels (for the puppies!)
- ☐ Jenny-O Turkey Franks™
- ☐ First Class Postage Stamps
- ☐ Bounty™ or Brawny™ brand paper towels
- ☐ Clorox™ cleaning wipes
- ☐ Swiffer™ dusters
- ☐ Liquid dish soap (environmentally friendly)
- ☐ Bleach
- ☐ Greenies Pill Pockets™ (chicken flavor)
- ☐ Nylabone Dura Chew™ (large dogs Super Chew™)
- ☐ 20# white photocopy paper
- ☐ Nature's Miracle™ (oxy formula, dual action, stain and odor remover - 1 gallon size)
- ☐ Veterinary care gift certificates (Northshore Veterinary Hospital or Fairhaven Veterinary Hospital - Bellingham, WA)
- ☐ Giftcards (from Costco, Amazon.com, Home Depot, Lowes, Fred Meyer, Office Max, Albertson's, Haggen's, PetSmart, Petco, Walker's Healthy Pet)
- ☐ Cash Donations
- ☐ Service Dog gear (contact Brigadoon for more info)
- ☐ Cat treats (for Loki's "wishlist" efforts...)

Thank You!

Tax receipts are available upon request. Brigadoon is a 501(c)(3) organization licensed in Washington State.



Loki"

FIRE DRILL!



**3:45
MINS.**



September 19 – Brigadoon had its annual practice fire drill. In attendance were 5 human participants to help transport all 12 dogs and one cat out of our main facility to safety. We made it in record time: 3 minutes and 45 seconds! These drills are important to practice, so we will be prepared in case of a real fire.