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# *The Brigadoon Barker*

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*Brigadoon's 5th Annual Graduation and Silent Auction was well received.*

*Thanks to all of you who supported us with your presence and donations.*

## *Our 2010 Graduates*



**"Winston" & Joseph**



**"Gypsy" & Lorna**

**Carolyn & "Barkley"**

**Nick & "Spinner"**

**Trevor & "Lucy"**





## Our graduates...



Joseph was born with autism. His parent's biggest challenge is keeping Joe safe. You see he is an escape artist. But

with his new dog "Winston" he is kept out of harms way because Winston has been trained to become an anchor when Joe tries to leave via any door. Winston will only move forward if he hears the magic words, "let's go"... Joe does not talk. Winston also helps with Joe's potential melt downs in public and redirects him when he and Mom have a difference of opinion as to which direction they should walk.



Lorna is going deaf. Without her hearing aids she cannot hear at all. It is anticipated within the next couple of years the hearing aids will no

longer be effective. "I feel much safer with "Gypsy" by my side...she alerts me when the phone rings, if someone is at the door, or nudging me when someone is coming up from behind on a bicycle or skateboard while we are out walking"



Carolyn and her new dog "Barkley" are quite a team. Barkley seems to anticipate

Carolyn's every need. She is a diabetic and has real balance issues. She used to rely on a cane, which did not work very well on uneven ground or when it was wet and slippery. Barkley removes her fear by keeping her upright no matter the terrain or weather. He is also a great retriever.

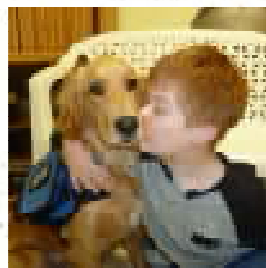
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Nick also has autism. Although he is high functioning, it can be very difficult for

Nick to handle a lot of stimulus outside of his normal environment. His new best friend "Spinner" keeps him calm and centered when things get to be a bit much for him to cope with.

- These specially trained dogs give these children a coping mechanism when they have sensory overloads.
- People don't stare at these children for having a meltdown in public when they have a service dog by their side. Plus the meltdown is short lived when the dog is involved (Beth, Joseph's mom).



Although Trevor was born with down syndrome, some of his behaviors

mimic that of a child with autism. He can reach sensory overload very quickly and his dog "Lucy" helps him cope with everyday life.

## Looking forward to 2011

Brigadoon is on its way to major growth this coming year.

We have a satellite of Brigadoon workers in Puyallup. Rob, Tressie and Amber Lowe. They are doing a great job spreading the word about Brigadoon and puppy raising.

Soon, recently retired from the air

force, Jean Kautzman will join the group. Jean will head up a new group to help the troops returning from Iraq.

Way to go guys, and welcome to Brigadoon!!

