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# *The Brigadoon Barker*

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Graduate dogs training updates, by Denise Costanten:

July has been a very busy month. Several of the dogs that are slated for October's graduation have already gone to live with their human partner. This allows the dogs to adjust to their new living environment and for the kinks to get worked out with any training that still needs work. I will be making weekly and bi-weekly trips to their new homes to work with the teams. This is a much easier transition for the teams than to attend a two week intense training at Brigadoon and then go home and have to adjust to living in the home together.

We have sent out the save the date cards for our graduation coming up in October. However, we did not check with the post office (oops!) about proper mailing labels, stamps, etc. So many have been returned and had to be resent. Our apologies. If you have **not** received a card and would like one, please contact us.

Teach 6 basic cues/commands for a well behaved dog.

1. Come
2. Down
3. Sit
4. Heel
5. Stay
6. Wait

If you take the time to train these cues/commands with 99% performance and with distractions, your dog will be welcome almost anywhere.

Your dog gains freedom by being well behaved.

Don't forget to get solid responses without distractions before adding mild ones and moving to difficult ones. All 6 of these cues are basic good manners.

Chelsea finds a new home ...



Sometimes it takes a while to find out a dog is not a good match for a family. This was the case with Chelsea and a boy with autism. However, there is a happy ending...she is now with another boy, J.T. as a therapy dog and doing GREAT! J.T. loves this dog and Chelsea loves him.

### ***Mission Statement***

*We provide highly trained dogs to perform tasks and support that would otherwise require human assistance for children and adults with physical and developmental disabilities. We engage the youth of the community in this process. We are a 501 (c)(3) non-profit corporation.*

### **Dog Facts:**

Dogs (wolves and foxes) are descended from a small, weasel-like mammal called Miacis which was a tree-dwelling creature and existed about 40 million years ago.

Dogs, as we know them today, first appeared in Eurasia about 13,000 years ago, and were probably a direct descendant of a small, grey wolf.

The dingo is not native to Australia but was introduced thousands of years ago by the first immigrants.

Dogs were first domesticated by cavemen in the Palaeolithic age and gradually developed (or were bred) into the breeds known today.



Hey Mom, this recipe really looks good. Will you make them for us, please?

### **Brigadoon Tour**

Mark your calendars for the next tours August 1st from 10 to 11 am. Presentation begins at 10 am. Bring a friend! Come visit our facility, meet the dogs, and learn more about what we do. You will not be asked for a donation. Please call us and let us know you're coming. 733-5388.

### **Board of Directors**

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### **Canine Casserole**

#### **Ingredients**

1lb Any meat (beef, venison, chicken)

1 Carrot finely chopped

1 Small potato finely chopped

1 Stick celery

1/2 Cups Sliced green beans (stringless)

1 T Gravox or steak sauce

#### **Directions**

Place all ingredients into a large casserole dish. Cover with water and mix. Place lid on casserole. Microwave on high for 10 minutes, mix again and then Microwave on medium for 10 minutes. This should be cooked at least an hour before feeding so that it is well cooled.



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Contributors to Brigadoon-June 2009

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Please forgive us if we have inadvertently left you off our June donation list. Send us an email so we may correct our error.

**Our Wish List**

**People with an interest in being on our board of directors.**

\$\$\$\$\$\$ toward a new Kennel Building. We have outgrown our current building. Please help move the dogs into a new building, we will have more room for the youth of our community to come help with the Brigadoon dogs, too.

First class Postage Stamps

Copy paper for our printers

*Jennie O* Jumbo Turkey Franks

HP Inkjet Print Cartridges (#s 95 and 92)

When we train a dog to search out their human partner and that person is not readily available for frequent training sessions, then we use an article of clothing the person has worn for a couple of days to teach the dog to find them. In the picture below, Kathleen has placed a shirt worn by Joe (Gypsy's human partner) in a plastic bag and hid in in the van. Gypsy was told to find Joe and she did. She jumped in the van and as the picture reveals, is sniffing Joe's shirt that is in the bag. When she goes on a home visit, then she will practice with the real thing—her boy Joe. Yeah Gypsy!

