



# The Brigadoon Barker

## Brigadoon Youth and Service Dog Programs

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## Keller Williams Realty Donating Their **Red Day** of Service To Brigadoon.

Brigadoon is thrilled to announce that Keller Williams Realty is donating their 3rd annual, 2011 Red Day of Service to Brigadoon. Every year each Keller Williams office sets aside a day of community service called Red Day, and donates their time to a local non-profit.

On Thursday, May 12, the entire Keller Williams office in Bellingham will donate their day at the Brigadoon property, painting the exterior of the new training building, repainting the office/kennel exterior, touching up the interior walls and painting the dog kennel interior. They will also be installing and moving fencing, clearing brush, weeding and general cleanup of the grounds.



*The Brigadoon training building will be painted on Red Day.*

The public is welcome to join Brigadoon and Keller Williams on May 12th, from 9:00am to 5:00pm, for a few hours, or the entire day. Parking for the event will be at the Rome Community Bible Church, 2720 Mount Baker Highway, and a shuttle will take you to and from Brigadoon. A barbeque lunch will be provided.

Keller Williams is also planning to set up Brigadoon informational tables on May 12th, at local grocery stores. They will provide the public with Brigadoon information and ask for

donations. If you are interested in volunteering at the information tables, or have questions about volunteering or supporting Red Day, contact Brigadoon volunteer, Diana Fewing, at 360-393-1571 or [dianafew@comcast.net](mailto:dianafew@comcast.net).

**Please, come to work and enjoy the day at Brigadoon!**



*The dogs are moving out of their kennels for the day while Red Day volunteers clean and paint the room.*



## From the editor: Turning good intentions into action.

by Diana Fewing

I've been volunteering with Brigadoon since the Fall of 2010. It didn't take long to figure out that Brigadoon cannot run on good intentions. That didn't stop me - I am filled with good intentions.

During my first interview with Denise Costanten I realized she required a deep commitment to the program, the dogs, and their partners. I found Denise's energy contagious and her commitment overwhelming at times. She requires her volunteers to be excited about what they do at Brigadoon. I first thought, "Geez, I just want to help with dogs since my own dog had died a year earlier."

Then Denise put me to work. I started learning how to work with the dogs on basic commands - I was feeling proud of my "good intentions". Training put me with the dogs and I really liked it. It was what I wanted to do. However, I found that training wasn't the best that I could do for Brigadoon. My skills as a graphic designer and writer could benefit the program in other ways - working on the Brigadoon brochures, the newsletter and other marketing materials. It isn't as much fun as working with the dogs, but

it isn't about me. It is about the Service Dogs and their partners. It is about taking action where you are most needed.

This is where I would like to call all of our readers to action and to challenge us all to do more for Brigadoon. As you may know, it takes up to \$30,000 to raise and train a dog for service. Right now Brigadoon doesn't bring in donations to cover the eleven dogs they currently have, let alone the potential to have more dogs. We also need to hire more trainers and our expenses raise every year.

How can you help? Donate your time to plan and hold a fund-raiser, help write grants, sponsor a dog (you can name it too), volunteer to plan and attend the graduation in October, and bring all your friends to participate in the auctions, raise a service dog puppy, be a spokesperson for Brigadoon at the functions you attend and ask for donations. Figure out what you are good at and see if you can turn it into cash for Brigadoon. If you have an idea - ACT.

The dogs are busy, now it is up to us to get busy too.



### Puppy Raisers Needed.

Brigadoon is looking for a few good homes to raise a puppy to the age of one year. If you are interested in this important work please contact Denise CoStanten.

360-733-5388

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### Canines & Heroes For Independence



### Cumberland Spaghetti Feed and Auction Fundraiser

**May 14, 2011 - 2:00 PM**

City Hall Saloon

35317 314th Way SE, Cumberland, WA

To make a donation  
or for information contact:  
**Kathy Orser, 253-653-9093**  
**kountrykat941@msn.com**

Spaghetti Feed - \$6.00 per plate

**Auction! Live Music!**  
**Raffles! 50/50!**

**100% of proceeds go to the Brigadoon  
Service Dogs - Veteran Program**



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**Saturday, May 21**  
**11:00AM - 1:00PM**

## Open House - May 21

Since we will be all spruced up after Keller Williams' Red Day, we will have an open house on Saturday, May 21, from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm at 4759 Mission Road, Bellingham.

Anyone interested in the Brigadoon programs, potential dog recipients, volunteers, donors, board members, Veterans and their families, and the general public is invited to come and see what we do at Brigadoon. Learn about Brigadoon; see how you can help or be helped, and how Brigadoon impacts our community.

Enjoy a tour of our facility, meet the Brigadoon Service Dogs in training, and enjoy some refreshments.

### Who has the upper hand in your house?

*Is your dog running the household?  
Has your puppy got you out  
of control too?*

Brigadoon is offering both adult and puppy classes to train both you and your four-legged friends. Contact Denise Costanten at 360-733-5388, or email, [denise@brigadoondogs.org](mailto:denise@brigadoondogs.org).