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PADS PACIFIC ASSISTANCE DOGS

PADS Prairie Region June 2008 eNewsletter

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In this issue, read about public awareness work Calgary volunteers have been doing, enjoy photos of Hearing Dog *Chase* from his *Meet & Greet* at Husky Energy, and meet *India* – latest recruit in the puppy-raising program east of the Rockies. .

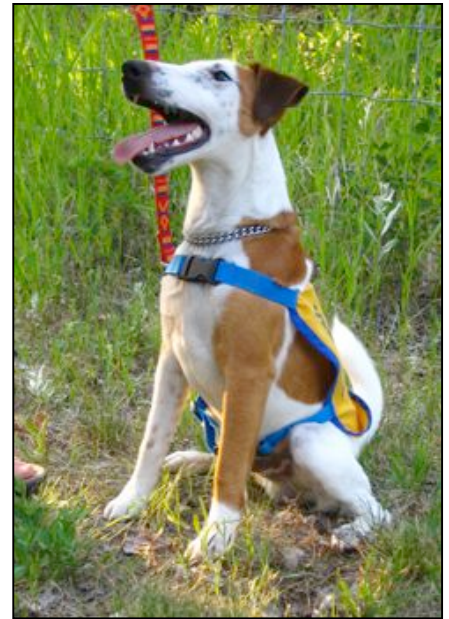


New Trainer for Calgary Puppy-raising Program

When PADS Executive Director Bob Morrison and Director of Canine Programs Jackie Clarke visited Calgary in May, one of Jackie's priorities was interviewing potential trainers for the Puppy-Raising program in Alberta.

Bob recently gave us the exciting news that PADS has hired a trainer, Heather Kidd!

We will know more when Jackie gets back from London, England, where she and Director of Training Ron Tymrick are attending the 20th Annual Conference of Assistance Dogs International from June 22 to 24, 2008.



Former puppy-in-training **Ginger**
Photo by W. Proudlock

Former puppy-in-training **Bandit**
Photo by S. Proudlock

Transcontinental Printing Wellness Fair

PADS public awareness team were invited to have a display table at the Transcontinental Printing Wellness Fair in Calgary on June 17 and 18, 2008. The Fair presented information to help the employees keep healthy.



Client Verne Trevoy with Service Dog *Charlie*, Volunteer Coordinator Catherine Tudhope, and new volunteer, Judy McIvor, manned the display for this mid-week event. They commented that while more people visited the Fair on the first day, the PADS display received more interest and questions on the second. All in all, though, good publicity for PADS!

Husky Energy

When PADS Client Colleen Barton and Hearing Dog *Chase* visited sponsor Husky Energy in May, they met with President and CEO, Mr John Lau, and other executives and staff. *Chase* waited for the Release command from Colleen, then immediately bee-lined for Mr Lau to thank him personally for his company's support. Below are some of the pictures taken at the *Meet & Greet*.



Hearing Dog **Chase**
Husky staff photo



L to R: Jay Barton, Colleen Barton, President & CEO John Lau, Verne Trevoy, Catherine Tudhope, V-P of Corporate Administration Ron Butler, Bea Ewanchuk, Hearing Dog **Chase** & Service Dog **Charlie**.
Husky staff photo



Client Colleen Barton & Hearing Dog **Chase**
Husky staff photo



Hearing Dog **Chase** with President & CEO John Lau
Husky staff photo

Strathmore Chapter #21 Royal Arch Masons of Alberta



The Strathmore Chapter #21 Royal Arch Masons of Alberta invited PADS to give a presentation on June 11, 2008 at the Masonic Hall in Irricana. Volunteer Coordinator Catherine Tudhope, Puppy-raisers Coreen Froese and Wendy Proudlock, and Client Verne Trevoy were able to attend, along with Service Dog *Charlie*.



L to R: Verne Trevoy & Service Dog **Charlie**, Coreen Froese, 3rd Principal Larry Watson, and past Principal Walter Anderson.
Photo by P. Proudlock

Following a great BBQ steak dinner, everyone assembled in the main hall upstairs for a power point presentation about PADS given by Wendy, and a demonstration of Service Dog skills given by Verne and *Charlie*. Catherine and Coreen fielded many questions about PADS from the appreciative audience.

“Your presentation opened many eyes and gave some an understanding of just how valued the “working dogs” are to those in their need,” said 3rd Principal, Larry Watson.

The Masons presented the volunteers with a substantial donation at the conclusion of the evening, to assist with the training of PADS remarkable Assistance Dogs.

Meet India, the newest little angel in the Prairie Region line-up!

When Kathy Reid, puppy-raiser for PADS, made the journey to Burnaby in early May to bring yellow Labrador Retriever *Ginger* in for her Advanced Training to begin, it was understandably a poignant trip, although for *Ginger*, it was apparently a matter of following the bag of dog food.

But there’s something about PADS and puppy-raising that gets into a person’s heart and soul, and there in Burnaby was wee *India*, a yellow Lab pup from the Asian Litter, awaiting placement with a puppy-raiser....

“Of course, I could not say NO to another little girl, so I brought her home with me and it helped fill the hole *Ginger* left,” mused Kathy. “*India* is a lovely little girl, 8 weeks old and very, very small. If she stays small, PADS may train her as a Hearing Dog”

India is the 9th pup that Kathy has raised for PADS. Way to go, Kathy!



Puppy-in-training, **India**. *Photo by T. Dong*

Wag the tail, talk the talk, and keep the furry side up!



PADS raises and trains Service, Hearing and Facility/Therapy dogs for persons who are facing the daily challenges of life with a physical disability, who are deaf or hard-of-hearing, or are living in long term care facilities.

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