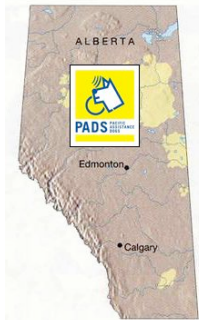




Changing Lives...one dog at a time

PADS PACIFIC ASSISTANCE DOGS



PADS Calgary September 2008 eNewsletter

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PADS Calgary sends out a monthly e-Newsletter to volunteers, clients, sponsors and friends of PADS who choose to receive e-mail updates about what's happening with PADS in Alberta. Archives of past eNewsletters will be available in the PADS Calgary section of the PADS website, www.pads.ca.

This past summer, PADS Calgary has been poised on the starting block, awaiting the signal to re-launch the puppy-raising program east of the Rockies. In this issue, read about the exciting changes and events that are about to unfold!

PADS Calgary Walk & Roll for Independence

On Sunday, September 21, 2008 PADS Calgary will hold its first **Walk & Roll for Independence**, a companion walk to last month's PADS Burnaby event. This is a major fundraiser for PADS, and of particular importance for PADS Calgary as we re-launch the puppy-raising program this side of the Rockies and begin to support ourselves financially.

The walk will be held at [Rotary Challenger Park](#) in NE Calgary, from 10:00 am until 3:30 pm, with registration starting at 9:30 am. This park is a barrier free meeting and recreational facility that is accessible to all people regardless of their age or ability.

The registration fee of \$35.00 gives walkers a package deal of a PADS T-shirt, PADS bandana, lunch, and a ticket for one of the great door prizes available. Choose the 2K or the 5K option and "walk & roll with your pup in tow!"

There will be fun activities for participants to enjoy & prizes for:

- Best Dressed Dog,
- Best Dog/Owner Look Alike,
- Most Obedient Dog, and
- Dog with the Best Obstacle Round Course.

Directions to the Park: Rotary Challenger Park is at 3688 – 48 Ave. NE. Take McKnight Boulevard to Barlow Trail. Turn north on Barlow Trail. Your first right (east) will be 48th Avenue (Sandman Hotel on the corner). Turn right on 48th Avenue and follow to the very end (past the construction area).



Puppy-in-training **Sencha**, practicing her "Side" next to bronze statues at Rotary Challenger Park.

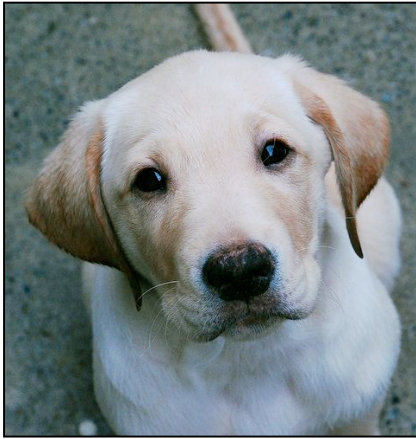
Photo by Sarah Proudlock

Check out our fund-raising progress for just a few more days at www.pads.ca, and click on the information link for **Calgary Walk & Roll 2008** on the home page. We are still looking for more participants and sponsors, to help us meet our fund-raising goal this year!

Come out and meet our puppies on the 21st, bring your friends, enjoy the day with us!

The Puppies are Coming!

Director of Canine Programs, Jackie Clark, designated that some of the pups from PADS' springtime "Scottish Litter" would be available to come to Calgary in September, with other pups to follow in the spring. The "Scottish" siblings will be graduates of PADS Early Puppyhood Education program, having spent their first few months living and working on PADS Campus in the brand new EPE Kennel.

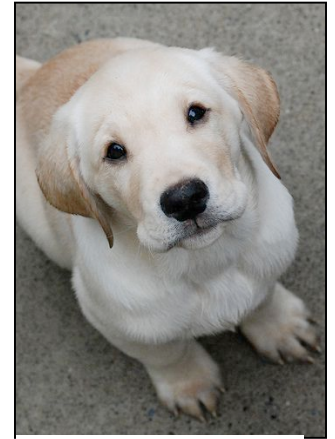


Puppy-in-training: **Caber**
Photo by Tara Dong

As these new recruits arrive in Calgary and are paired with their excited new puppy-raisers, we would like to pass along a heartfelt thanks to PADS Kennel Manager Serena Holmberg and members of the PADS Training Staff who have been nurturing them in EPE, and like us, have "given them up" so they can move on to the next phase in their training.



Puppy-in-training: **Holly**
Photo by Jeni Bond



Puppy-in-training: **Laird**
Photo by Jeni Bond

We will do our best here at PADS Calgary to make you proud!

More puppy-raisers needed!

We are continuing to conduct home interviews throughout September to meet the puppy-raiser applicants who responded to PADS' recent call for new raisers in Calgary and surrounding districts. From these applicants we have found raisers for the puppies who will form the first class in the re-launched puppy-raising program in Calgary. There are some other excellent prospects who have indicated a preference to wait for the spring arrivals, but not many. This means that more applicants are needed immediately! You can help us with this!



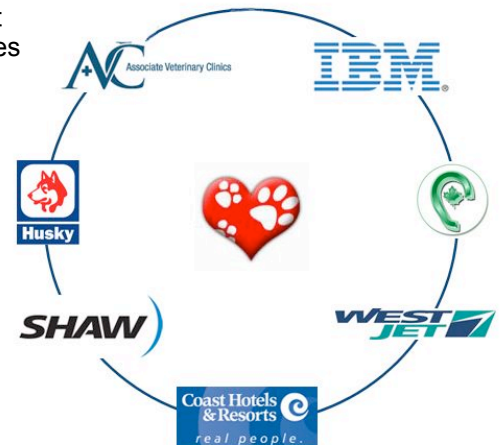
Former puppy-in-training: **Baker**
Photo by Donna Luchak

Former Puppy-raisers: Your prior experience with raising puppies is invaluable! If you would be able to take on another puppy come spring, it would be a tremendous asset to the puppy-raising program in Calgary.

You may also know friends or co-workers who enjoyed watching you raise your previous puppies and who wondered at the time if they might be able to handle a protégé of their own.

Now is the time to call them up and let them know about this opportunity to have a brilliant EPE graduate share their lives for a few months.

Sponsors: Your financial support of the PADS program is crucial and very highly appreciated! Have you ever also considered having one of your employees raise a PADS puppy at your workplace? PADS pups have graced the floor of the Vancouver Stock Exchange, provided bonding opportunities for the employees of the BC Dental Association, exchanged daily pleasantries with bankers at the Royal Bank of Canada, and of course, help to run the office of PADS itself every day! Perhaps there's an opening for a four-legged "temp." in your office this year!



And of course, our Very Important Clients: You are the reason that PADS exists in the first place! You are also our most visible Ambassadors in society. The people who meet you can see possibilities for themselves. They see Independence, Companionship, Freedom, and Dignity! They see an opportunity to give of themselves to help someone in the community who could benefit from an Assistance Dog as a companion.

Please continue to promote PADS in our Community, offering information to those who ask, living a full life with your companion Assistance Dog, and loving each other every day!



Advanced puppy-in-training: **Belle**
Photo by Tara Dong

What's in a Name, Calgary?

An integral part of PADS current Five Year Plan for Alberta is to establish and maintain a strong pipeline of communication between the Burnaby Campus and the Alberta volunteers

At a meeting with Executive Director Bob Morrison in May, he and the Calgary volunteers agreed that "PADS Alberta Satellite Program" was a name that left volunteers here feeling small and somewhat lost in space – not well connected to PADS in Vancouver at all. The consensus was that a name change was needed, perhaps to PADS Prairie Region, or something more apropos than Satellite Program.

Bob carried our thoughts to June Executive Meeting of the PADS Board of Directors, and the Board examined the entire name issue thoroughly. The Board's preference was to maintain **PADS Campus** as the name of the training facility in Burnaby, use **PADS Burnaby** as their name west of the Rockies, and change our designation to **PADS Calgary**, reflecting the two cities where offices exist to manage PADS programs.



So **PADS Calgary** it is!

pads.ca

Several years ago, the internet URL for Pacific Assistance Dogs was "padsdogs.ca". Eventually it was changed to pads.ca, and an automatic forward was built in, so that stored bookmarks on people's computers would continue to navigate to the PADS website, plus stocks of existing stationery would remain usable.

As of spring 2008, however, the internet access for all PADS information has been fully tied to www.pads.ca and searches will no longer forward from the old link. Please update your computer's internet bookmarks if necessary, and if you are handing out any pamphlets or information to the public, please give it a once over and make sure the contact information reflects the current contact information. Thanks!

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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