



Putnam Service Dogs

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Annual Report

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*Cary and his recipient, Jake.
Cary is Jake's 2nd set of ears.*

OUR MISSION

Our Service Dogs Change Lives.
We Champion the Nurturing Bond
Between Dogs and Humans.

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A Message

from Nancy Teague
CEO/FOUNDER

Your Support is Changing Lives!

Your support helps the underdogs win!

Our free, highly trained service dogs are from rescue groups. Our recipients are people with physical disabilities other than blindness.

Our placed dogs help their person live a fuller, more independent, happier life. They unlock life's potential. *(See our story of Jake & Cary)*

Our puppy raisers live with a great dog. They spend daily efforts and time loving, exercising, caring for, training, and socializing the pup. They learn a LOT about dogs, go places to socialize the pup they wouldn't otherwise visit, and see the pup develop and flourish. These selfless, hard working volunteers are truly giving back to their community - raising a pup which will help someone less fortunate. Their being a puppy raiser is life changing. *(See our story of Michael raising Duke)*

Our pups continually challenge our trainers. They face new challenges from each pup. They guide our raisers, working closely with different personalities, different strengths, and different home situations. Our trainers have the daunting responsibility of finishing the final part of the pup training, honing its obedience skills, assessing it to determine what it is best suited for, and teaching it those service dog tasks.

Creating one of our service dogs is similar to creating an Olympic Athlete. The dog has to have the right temperament and physical traits, and the right upbringing. Its long training requires many hours, a lot of money (\$25K+/dog), and tremendous focus.

Our wait list is over 2 years for one of our dogs. We're pursuing our mission with tremendous passion.

Thank you for your support!



CARY and Jake

Jake says: "Cary is my best friend. I can't imagine my life without him. We go almost everywhere together and he always keeps me safe. Cary is very good at his job and constantly alerts me to things I can't hear. I have more confidence when Cary is with me because I know he'll look out for me. We make a good team. When Cary gets scared during thunderstorms, then it's my turn to make him feel safe. Cary works very hard and I'm really proud of him."

Cary is the best thing that has ever happened to Jake. Cary went trick-or-treating with Jake at Halloween. Despite it being in a dark, unfamiliar neighborhood, Jake was completely at ease because he knew Cary was by his side. Cary was absolutely unflappable that night despite all the crazy costumes and loud noises. Cary's quiet confidence is exactly what Jake needs to be successful. Jake's confidence continues to soar since Cary was placed with him in January 2021.

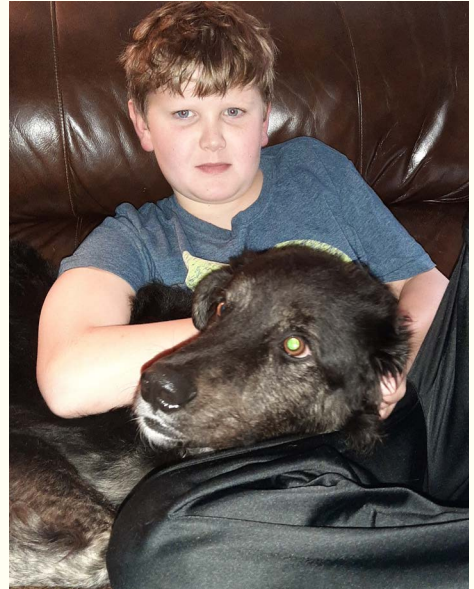
Jake and Cary are together so much that Jake's mom has (repeatedly!) called them by each other's names! For more than 2 months Cary patiently endured almost daily soccer games and practices while Jake played this fall. He would rarely

take his eyes off the field, always keeping a watchful eye on Jake. They'd have a joyful reunion at the end of every game and Cary became something of a team mascot.

Cary still loves his daily walks and doing "zoomies" outside with the kids where he can race and run at full speed. If Cary has any complaints whatsoever, it would be that if he isn't quick enough. The cat steals his dog bed!



Cary watching Jake, ready to protect him if needed. Jake is kayaking on a lake.



Jake calming Cary during a thunderstorm. Best friends, they help each other.

DUKE



Duke as the star in class at
Chip form & graphics class,
SUNY Maritime.



Duke learning not to be afraid of water

Our pup, Duke, is being raised by Michael, a Naval Officer candidate. When he was a staff instructor at the Nuclear Prototype Training School, Michael was selected for the Seaman to Admiral-21 program. He moved to the Bronx in spring of 2021 to begin the training, and learned of Putnam Service Dogs. Approved as a puppy raiser, Michael took over the raising of teenage Duke. It has been a great match for both!

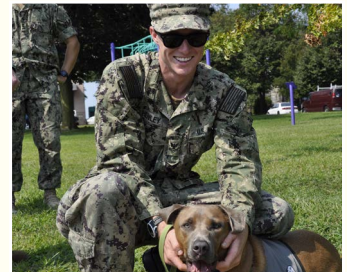
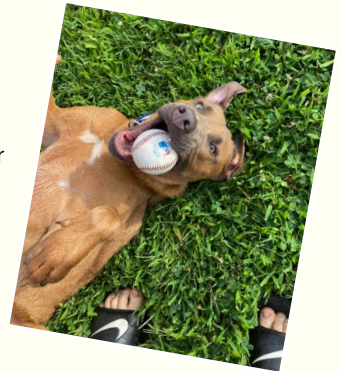
Duke quickly adjusted to life in the Bronx – angry New Yorkers, buses flying by, and walking underneath in the subway stations. Michael took Duke hiking on the beach, and discovered Duke had a fear of water. Michael overcame this by taking Duke canoeing. Duke sat on his lap in the canoe, looking around like a sea captain. Soon Duke was trying to rescue a swimming Michael, and swam laps around him.

Michael took Duke home to Ohio. Duke loved the long car ride, sticking his head out the window and watching the scenery go by. Once there, Duke proved therapeutic for the family dog, Red, who'd been abused in his past. Duke's happy presence taught Red not to be fearful of people. Duke completely changed Red.

When Michael's Naval Officer training began this fall, Duke went with him to class. Duke quickly became the class star. The staff and students loved seeing him every day as he happily pranced around, bathing in the attention. During class, Duke settled quietly under Michael's desk, napping on his sweatshirt.

Although he'd grown up with dogs and loves them, Michael's naval deployments prevented him from owning a dog. He found Putnam Service Dogs to be a very caring organization and was delighted to help raise one of our pups. It was a perfect way for him to give back to the community, and have a great dog as a companion. As Duke's raiser, Michael works to empathize with him, and understand what he's thinking. They work as a team to achieve goals in Duke's training and development. Their work together has added to Michael's ability to better understand, and lead his sailors in the future.

"Duke trusts me, and will happily walk into any situation or room with me as his companion. When placed, he will make that person his entire world. I'll be very sad to give him up, but knowing he'll benefit and change someone's life who needs it is worth it to me."

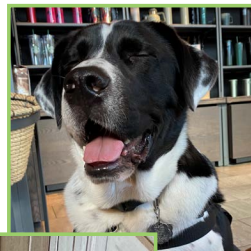


PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Our 7 dogs in training.
Callie & Danny - will be placed yet this year



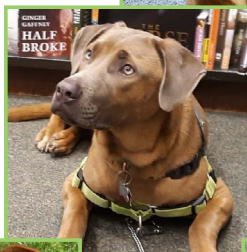
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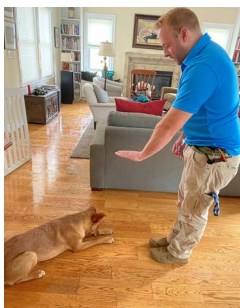


ELLIE



ECHO

..... ADDITIONS THIS YEAR



We're very pleased to announce that **Tyler Fritz** has joined our training staff. He's Co-owner of *Leading the Leash* (with his Father, our Head Trainer, Jeff Fritz). Tyler is a Certified Professional Dog Trainer (CPDT), and also volunteers at North Shore Animal League America.



We have a new ride!
You can't miss our van if you're around it! Our CEO is now driving this van everywhere she goes, and we're using it to transport our pups when needed.

 Thank you
for supporting

OUR EVENTS THIS YEAR!

3rd Annual FUNMINSTER DOG SHOW May, 20201

We had a great time at our Fun dog show celebrating people's best friend. Beautiful day, lots of dog lovers enjoying the sunshine, watching great dogs compete for prizes in 10 fun categories.

Winner of the Best Dressed Category



5th Annual GOLF TOURNAMENT

September 2021

Golfers were out in force to enjoy the day. Great golf, great food, great prizes, great fun! Our 5th Annual Golf Tournament was four times the size of our first one.



An avid golfer at our tournament.



FROM OUR DONORS

- I'm signing up as a \$100/month monthly donor. Happy to support such an amazing organization!!!!
- You can count on me for continued support. Wonderful organization!
- I just learned of your organization, and the amazing work you do to help dogs and people. Thank you!

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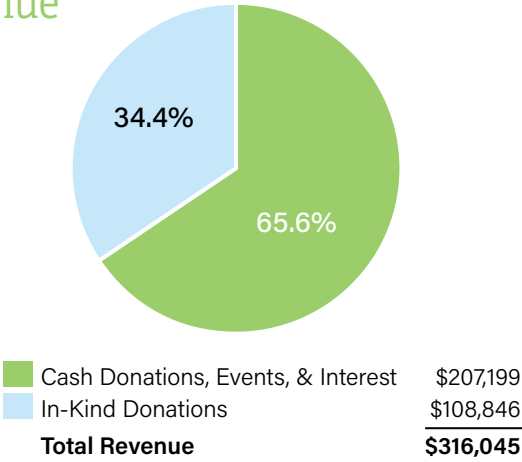
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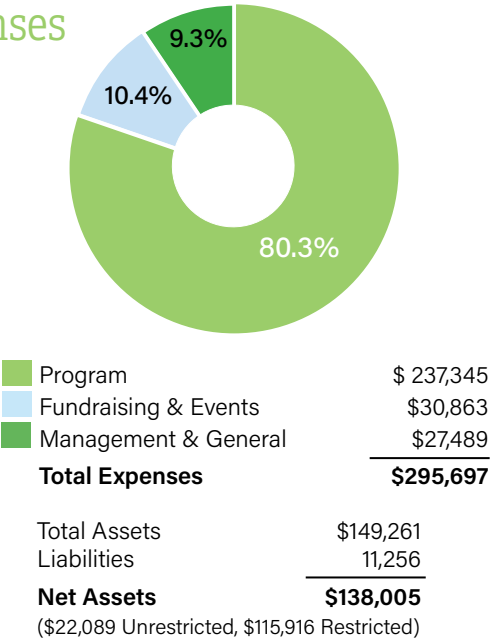
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Consider a Year End Donation Support Our Dogs in Training

Here's how your donation helps:

\$50	Supplies & toys
\$100	1 hr. of training
\$250	Vet visit
\$500	1 month of training
\$1,000	1 week of Formal Training
\$5,000	Training a recipient once our dog is placed

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