

PutnamServiceDogs

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# FY 2023 Annual Report

Nov. 1, 2022 - Oct. 31, 2023



*Kate & Duke  
enjoying a  
beautiful day.*

*And they lived happily ever after...*

# *A Message*



## from Nancy Teague CEO/FOUNDER



Nancy with Echo, placed as an Emotional Support Dog in 2023

Our 7th year of operation saw much growth, success, and heartwarming moments. Your support creates happiness, It changes lives — one dog at a time. Thank you for your support!

We placed 3 Service Dogs this year. We also placed 3 Released Dogs who are all helping their person – a veteran, and 2 others – all with disabilities. *(Photos are on the next page.)*

Here's our REAL GAME CHANGER! We found our New Home; a Residential Training Center, located in Brewster! We spent September and October this year renovating it, and fencing the large backyard. Our Grand Opening is November 4, 2023. We'll be able to train 4 dogs at a time in Formal Training, not just 1 as we did before. Formal Training is the last part of training where obedience and house manners are honed to a very high level, and the dog learns the tasks their person needs them to do. The Center will allow us to increase the number of dogs we can train. The demand for our type of service dog is overwhelming.

The dogs at our Center will live in residential conditions to continue learning house manners, and enjoying the close dog/person bond. The dogs will have one of our caretakers there 24/7. Happy dogs learn faster, and better than institutionalized, kenneled dogs. Our residential model of Formal Training will minimize our releasing unhappy, poorly functioning dogs. *(Photos of our Center on the next page.)*

We also champion our dogs in how they're matched with their person – both our release and our service dogs. We do a paper match of a dog with potential recipients and then the dog makes the ultimate decision. We look for that instant connection between the dog and their person. Shortly after meeting the person, our dogs show us who they're naturally friends with. This chemistry inspires our dogs to go way beyond the minimum to assist their person.

Thank you for your support!

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so someone else can accomplish their all.*

**2023  
SERVICE  
DOG  
TEAMS**



Kate & Duke

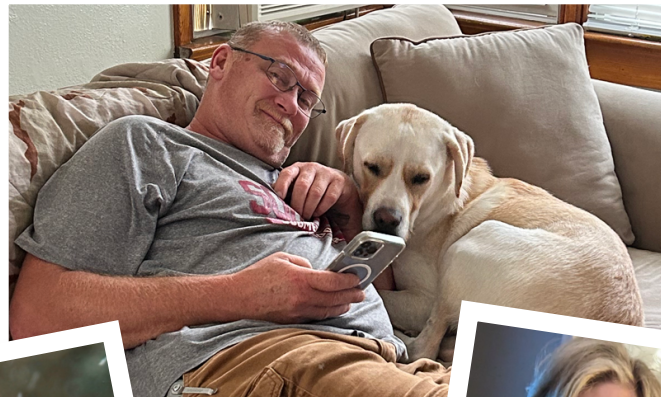


Sarah & Eddie



Janet & Danny

**2023  
RELEASE  
DOGS NOW  
EMOTIONAL  
SUPPORT  
ANIMALS (ESA'S)**



Ellis with Jamie



Echo with Juliet



Elmo & Cindy

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## **OUR MISSION**

*And they lived happily ever after...*

Our Service Dogs Change Lives.

We Champion the Nurturing Bond Between Dogs and People.

### **Why we do it:**

Training a service dog means giving it your all so someone else can accomplish their all.

### **What we do:**

We provide free service dogs to people with physical disabilities other than blindness, and veterans. We also provide free support services to our recipients.

### **How we do it:**

We train our dogs using only positive, humane methods to enhance their love and trust of people. Our Residential Training Center exemplifies this methodology – where the dogs can continue to live in a residential setting, with much human contact and love through the day.

Our dogs are carefully selected mixed breed dogs from rescue groups. After we paper match our dog to potential recipients, our dog makes the ultimate decision of who will be their person.

### **What is a service dog?**

A service dog performs tasks to assist a person with disabilities that person isn't able to do for themselves.

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## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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**CEO/Founder**

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# KATE & DUKE

Kate and Duke have been a team for a year now. They have a close, loving relationship. Kate has worked diligently to learn how to work with Duke, understand his communication, and successfully teach him how to assist her.

## Here's how Kate describes her life with Duke:

- "Having Duke be able to walk with me was a huge accomplishment. My walking is very irregular and slow and it took him time to adjust. Having him with me encourages me to get out more.
- He gets very excited about picking things up off the floor for me. Sometimes he'll do it without my asking him. He'll just find some random object and bring it to me.
- He makes us laugh all the time. He has such a personality and is very vocal about how he feels about things. He loves people, and gets excited whenever family or friends come over.
- In a crowd, he keeps people from bumping me."



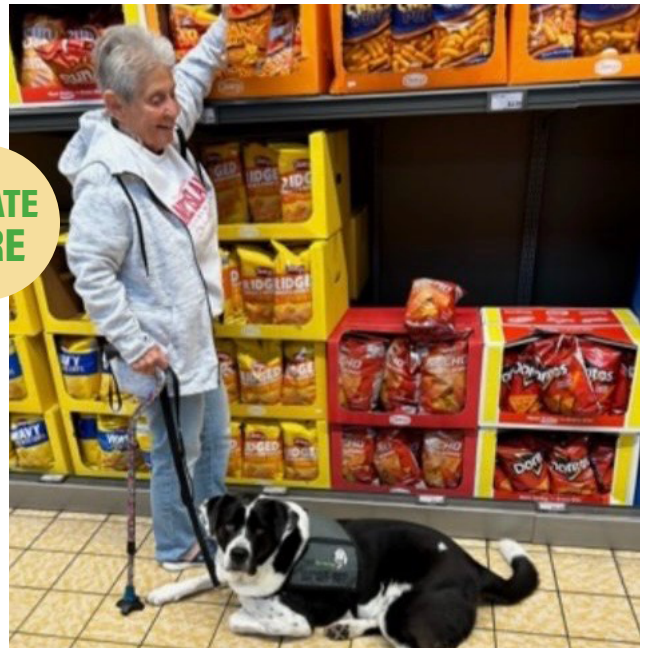
And they lived happily ever after...

# JANET & DANNY

Janet and Danny have been together as a Service Dog team since June 2023. Janet raised Danny as a puppy for us (she was a Volunteer Puppy Raiser) so they lived together for 14 months then also. They are an extremely close, loving team. Big Danny and small Janet.

## Here's what Janet says about how Danny helps her, and has changed her life:

- "He's so great! Everything I drop he picks it up. If I drop my eyeglasses he picks them up. He picks everything up for me. I'm so happy I have him because with my bad back, I can't bend down.
- If I stop to talk to someone, Danny leans up against me so I can keep my balance. It's hard for me to stand too long.
- We were out shopping the other day at Walmart. I wasn't paying attention, and all of a sudden Danny stopped because someone cut in front of me with a basket. He really makes sure I know where I'm going.
- Danny doesn't leave my side, no matter where I am in the house or the yard. I'll be sitting outside reading, and he'll be right there, laying down next to me. Same thing in the house. Wherever I am, Danny lays down next to me."



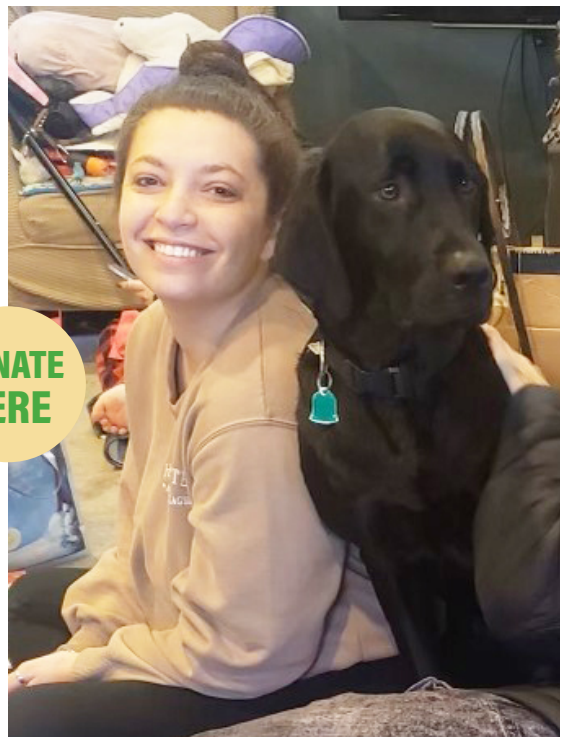
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# SARAH & EDDIE

Eddie was placed with Sarah at 18 months, rather than the customary 2-2.5 years old. Eddie was the star of her class, and was ready to become a service dog. They've been together since July, and have formed a tight bond.

## Here's what Sarah says about how Eddie has changed her life:

- "The biggest impact Eddie has had on my life is the amount of independence I've gained. I can do so much more by myself like running general errands, going shopping, even just taking walks without needing someone to come with me. Walking with me helps me keep my balance.
- Over the past couple of weeks she's begun to pick up on signs that I'm getting tired before I can even feel it and she slows me down. My hands get very shaky at times and I struggle to grip things, so having her pick up dropped items has been a life saver for me.
- Eddie comes to work with me. I work at a Center that provides ABA (Applied Behavior Analysis) Therapy. She also comes with me when I coach Varsity Cheerleading."



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# JAMIE & ELLIS

Jamie, a 17 year served Army sergeant retired early on disability. Ellis, one of our release dogs, was matched with Jamie as an Emotional Support Dog in August 2023. They are a very loving pair, happy to see each other after any separation.

## Here's what Jamie's wife says about how Ellis has changed Jamie's life:

- "Ellis is an amazing dog. He is really good for Jamie. He is absolutely wonderful with our grandchildren. Thank you for bringing him into our lives!
- Jamie is not as anxious as he used to be since he got Ellis. If he'd had a bad day at work, he'd come home and be tense. With Ellis greeting him at the door, it changes his whole mood. He loves going on long walks with Ellis. It clears his head. They love watching sports together. Ellis has truly been a blessing."



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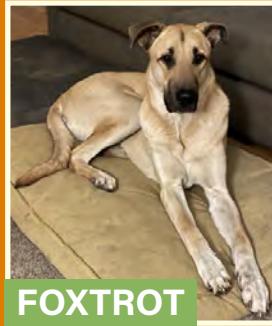




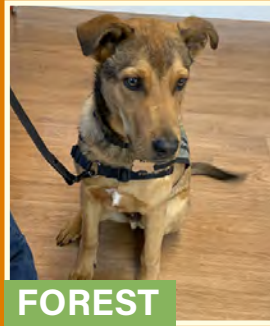
## SPOTLIGHT ON OUR NEW DOGS

### Meet The Pups

We Adopted  
in FY23



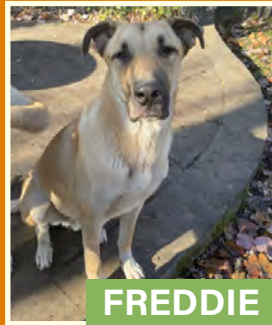
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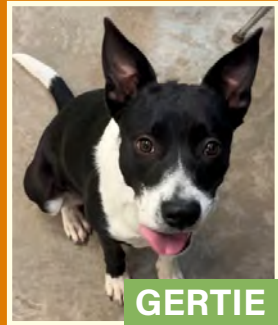
FLOWER



FREDDIE



FRANKIE



GERTIE

*Your support  
changes lives.  
We adopt carefully  
assessed mixed breed  
pups from local Rescue  
Organizations to train as  
our service dogs.*

## FRANKIE'S STORY

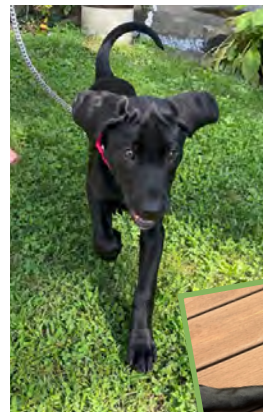
### FROM ABANDONMENT TO RESCUE TO PUTNAM SERVICE DOGS



Frankie's litter was abandoned in a cardboard box on the side of a Mississippi road when they were 3 weeks old. A kind Samaritan found them, and brought them to Homeward Bound, a terrific Mississippi rescue organization. They nurtured

the litter until they were old enough, and strong enough to be transported up north where they'd be quickly adopted.

Frankie arrived at Westchester SPCA when he was about 9 weeks old. Our Head Trainer, Melissa Schiraldi, assessed him, and he was a quick YES. Frankie is the 4th black lab we've acquired that started at Homeward Bound. Their staff was thrilled to hear we'd adopted Frankie. Frankie is a happy, friendly, very trainable guy. He's doing superbly well in our training program.



# OUR NEW RESIDENTIAL TRAINING CENTER IS A GAME CHANGER!

It houses a 1 bedroom apartment for our caretaker, and a front room for receptions/training with a half ADA bathroom. It has a level entrance, and a handicapped parking space next to our door. Our dogs will LOVE the large, level, fenced backyard.

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Our Center will help us increase the number of dogs we can train, and enhance all of our dogs' training.



## We're raising \$41,500 to cover our renovation costs.

You can purchase a plaque that will be displayed at our center, starting at \$125. Here's your chance to leave your name on a center that supports the cause you believe in!!! You can list your name(s), or add you're honoring someone – a favorite pet, a person, etc.

### Plaque Sizes & Prices:

**\$125** 8" w x 4" h

**\$250** 8" w x 6" h

**\$500** 8" w x 8" h

**\$1,000** 12" w x 4" h

**\$2,500** 12" w x 6" h

**\$5,000** 12" w X 8" h



### PAY THROUGH

**venmo** @putnam\_service\_dogs,  
**check** (mail to Putnam Service Dogs,  
PO Box 573, Brewster, NY 10509),  
or by **credit card** (Use link above).

# HARRY

## THIRD ANNUAL RECIPIENT OF THE STEPHEN FOURNIER AWARD

We honor Harry as our 2023 Volunteer of the Year. Shy, and self-effacing, Harry Bachrach, a security guard, has been a generous, consistent volunteer for the past 5 years. He's been a member of our Golf Committee, and has sold tee sign sponsorships every year, as well as volunteering at the event. He has also volunteered at other events, including the Blood Drive at Honey-Do-Men this year to benefit us. Harry is a monthly donor, and frequently makes additional donations. He was one of our first supporters to purchase a plaque at our new Center to honor his beloved dog, Rudy, who'd just passed away.

We presented this big hearted, huge dog lover his Volunteer Award at our 7th Annual Golf Tournament September 8, 2023.

Thank you Harry!



**VOLUNTEERS ARE THE LIFEBLOOD OF PUTNAM SERVICE DOGS.**

## YOU TOO CAN BE A VOLUNTEER FOR US!

**Our Puppy Raisers** are indispensable to our creating well trained, well socialized, loving service dogs for people in need. You have the power to change lives – 1 dog at a time. Join our team of Puppy Raisers!

**MORE  
INFO.**

You could be a **Vacation Relief** volunteer. Take care of a pup when their raiser goes on vacation or need relief.

You could volunteer at our **events**. We host 3 events a year and always need volunteers there.

Please contact us at [info@putnamservicedogs.org](mailto:info@putnamservicedogs.org) or 917-449-5359.



# OUR EVENTS THIS YEAR



## 3rd Annual POCKETBOOK BINGO

December 2022  
Salem Golf Club

What a fun evening! 11 lucky winners won gorgeous, new, designer handbags. We had a delicious dinner and lots of Bingo!



## 4th Annual FUNMINSTER DOG SHOW

May 2023  
Patterson Recreation Center

Proud owners showed off their best friends to compete in 10 fun categories for a trophy or ribbon. **Best Tail, Shaggiest Coat, Best Ears**, etc. Lots of smiles. A great dog day!



## 7th Annual GOLF TOURNAMENT

September 2023  
Centennial Golf Club

What a fun day, and delicious lunch!!! We dodged a heavy rainstorm – just finished lunch when it started. 75 golfers. Lots of smiles, and a day of great golfing!

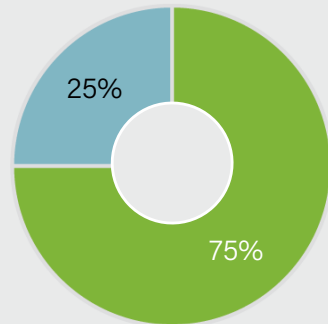


# FINANCIALS FOR FY23

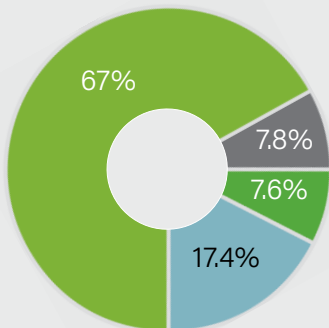
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## REVENUE

Contributions, Events, & Interest	\$ 275,311
In-Kind Donations	\$ 93,635
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 368,946</b>



## EXPENSES



Program	\$ 168,079
Management & General	\$ 19,079
Fundraising & Events	\$ 43,684
Initial New Center Renovations	\$ 19,779
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 250,621</b>

Total Assets	\$ 82,894
Liabilities	0
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 82,894</b>
(\$52,618 Unrestricted, \$30,276 Restricted)	

## WHAT DID WE ACCOMPLISH IN FY23?

WITH YOUR SUPPORT, we created a LOT of happiness this year.

- We placed 3 Service Dog Teams + 3 Emotional Support Dogs  
- all with people with disabilities - one of whom is a Veteran.
- We adopted 6 carefully selected dogs and began their training.
- We located a Center, and have almost completed renovating it.

# OUR CREDENTIALS

## Why they matter. What they mean to you.



### OUR BBB ACCREDITATION

#### Why does this matter?

It shows we've met all 20 BBB standards of good business practices for nonprofits.

We've been BBB Accredited since 2019.

Less than 10% of all nonprofits are BBB Accredited.

Here's our recent BBB Report Card:

Standards For Charity Accountability		
<b>Governance</b>	<b>Finances</b>	<b>Fundraising &amp; Info</b>
1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Board Oversight	8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Program Expenses	15. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Truthful Materials
2. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Board Size	9. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fundraising Expenses	16. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Annual Report
3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Board Meetings	10. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accumulating Funds	17. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Website Disclosures
4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Board Compensation	11. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Audit Report	18. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Donor Privacy
5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Conflict of Interest	12. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Detailed Expense Breakdown	19. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cause Marketing Disclosures
<b>Measuring Effectiveness</b>	13. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accurate Expense Reporting	20. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Complaints
6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Effectiveness Policy	14. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Budget Plan	
7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Effectiveness Report		



### OUR PLATINUM CANDID (GUIDESTAR) CREDENTIAL

#### What does this mean to you?

Our Platinum Candid Credential shows we excel at transparency to help donors and interested parties determine who we are, what we do, review our 990 tax forms and Annual Reports — all to help you make informed decision about our nonprofit.

You can review our Annual Reports and 990 tax forms either on Guidestar's website searching for Putnam Service Dogs, or on our website in the Financials Section.

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*Thank you!*

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