

FY2024 ANNUAL REPORT

(NOV 1, 2023-OCTOBER 31, 2024)

PutnamServiceDogs

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Robert & Georgia during their Public Access Test

And they lived happily ever after...

A MESSAGE FROM

NANCY TEAGUE, CEO/FOUNDER



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In our 8th year, we continue our mission of training rescue dogs to assist their person with disabilities. Your support Lifts Up 2 Lives!

The demand for our dogs is overwhelming. We're receiving 4 applications/week! Our dogs help their person live a happier, more independent life. Even our release dogs are matched with a person with disabilities as an Emotional Support or In-home service dog. All our dogs are helping someone live a better life!

Our Training Center (opened November 2023) is the soul of our organization. Our staff works more closely together from working together there to train our dogs, discuss our dogs' issues, and brainstorm. We hold Meet & Greets at our Center to see if our paper match of a dog with its potential person is approved by our dog. Our service and release dogs pick their person from our matches.

When we adopt a new pup, they start at our center where they'll decompress from their Rescue experience, and will receive their required veterinary care. Our pups in Volunteer raisers' homes spend short stays at our Center for our trainers to closely assess them, address their issues, to better help them progress.

Our popular Weekend Fosters program allows our community to foster a pup from our Center. These volunteers get a great dog experience, and our dogs are further socialized to a new home and new people. We hold classes at our Center to teach our Volunteers the basics of our training approach and procedures.

Thank you for your support this year! Together, we're Lifting up 2 Lives.

And they lived happily ever after...

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FEATURING OUR NEWEST SERVICE DOG TEAM

ROBERT & GEORGIA

We placed Georgia (from Georgia) with Robert in May 2024 as his Service Dog. She assists Robert by helping him navigate in public and retrieving dropped items. Robert and Georgia have built a close bond. Using the guidance of our Head Trainer, Melissa Schiraldi, they learned to work well together.

“Georgia is an amazing dog and I'm so glad to be able to work with her every day!” - Robert

They passed the Public Access Test as a team October 29, 2024. Congratulations!



Part of their Public Access Test -
walking calmly by another dog



Proud Robert right after they
passed their Public Access Test



Georgia wearing her new Service
Dog vest. Before they passed
their Public Access Test she wore
our In Training vest.

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FEATURING OUR 9 DOGS IN TRAINING

Like our applicants, each of our dogs in training is unique - in size, breed mix, personality, and abilities.

We train our service dogs an average of 2 years, close to 2,000 hours. If we release a dog before it graduates, we place it with a person with disabilities as a Comfort Dog or In-home service .



Flower



Forest



Frankie



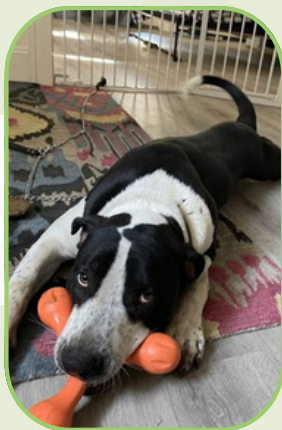
Gertie



Gil



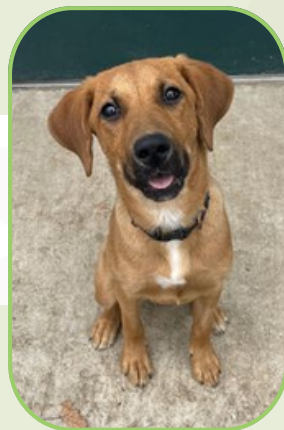
Gizmo



Gunther



Gus



Harper



FEATURING FRANKIE, **OUR DOG IN TRAINING**

Frankie's story is quite a story. He's quite a dog! His early life was very difficult- his litter was abandoned in a cardboard box at 3 weeks of age on the side of a Mississippi road. Homeward Bound, a Mississippi Rescue Organization, nurtured him until at 9 weeks, they transported him up to Westchester SPCA. We saw his great promise, and adopted him.

Frankie at 17 months, is now the TALLEST dog we've trained so far - probably part Great Dane. Our Head Trainer calls this happy guy a rock star. Frankie's been raised by a Village - first with a Volunteer Puppy Raiser. A death in the family cut that short. Back to our Training Center, for 6 months, then placed at another Volunteer Raiser home this summer. Longtime raisers for us, TALL Frankie captivated them his 2 months there. Back in our Training Center, Frankie started his Formal Training - the last part of our Training Program where his obedience and house manners are honed, and his Service Dog skills are learned. He's come a long way!



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SPOTLIGHT ON OUR VOLUNTEER: MAUREEN FOURTH ANNUAL RECIPIENT OF THE STEPHEN FOURNIER AWARD.

We honor Maureen Hosey as our 2024 Volunteer of the Year. She began volunteering her expert, nonprofit bookkeeping service right after we started in 2016. Since then, Maureen has faithfully, and capably provided that service, working closely with our nonprofit CPA. Maureen has spent at least 5 hours/week as our Volunteer Bookkeeper while juggling her paid work and her family demands, and dealing with health issues. Her unselfishness and dedication are exceptional!



We presented this big hearted dog lover her Volunteer Award at our 8th Annual Golf Tournament September 8, 2024. Thank you Maureen!



Dominick & Robin with Frankie

Do Something Great Today! Volunteer!
MAKE A DIFFERENCE!



MORE INFO

YOU TOO CAN BE A VOLUNTEER FOR US!

- 🐾 Our Puppy Raisers are indispensable for our Mission! Our most challenging Volunteer Opportunity, but the rewards are GREAT!
- 🐾 Our Vacation Relief or Weekend Foster Volunteers keep a pup happy and safe while in their care, socializing it to a new home and new people.
- 🐾 Our Event and Administrative Volunteers are also essential.

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OUR RUTGERS UNIVERSITY COLLEGIATE CHAPTER OF VOLUNTEER PUPPY RAISERS

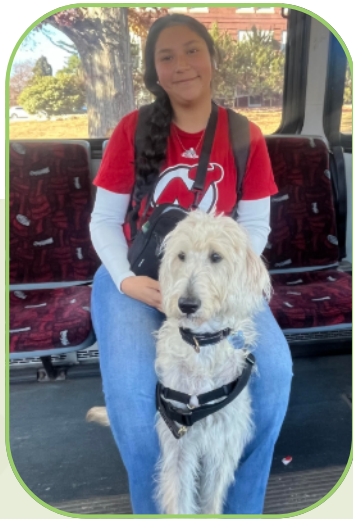
Our partnership with the Rutgers University Companion Animal Club began this spring. Their stellar recruiting efforts this September led to their club growing to 30 members. They’re raising 3 pups for us - Gertie, Gil, and Gus.

Our pups go to class with their raisers, ride campus buses, live in their dorm rooms, (amidst all the noise and chaos of a dorm), and are taken out into the community to further socialize them by these hard working volunteers.

To juggle the demand of Rutgers University, a high caliber University, while raising a service dog pup is handling a lot! We applaud the zeal, and unselfishness of these raisers.



Gertie in class with her raiser, Julia.



Gus on the campus bus with his raiser, Silvy.



Gil



Gertie



Gus



OUR COMMUNITY ENJOYED OUR FUNDRAISING EVENTS!

4th Annual POCKETBOOK BINGO

December 2023, Centennial Golf Club

A fun evening! Gorgeous Designer Pocketbooks, Great food, Bingo!



5th Annual FUNMINSTER DOG SHOW

May 2024, Patterson Recreation Center

Proud pet owners showed off their best friend. 10 fun categories.



8th Annual GOLF TOURNAMENT

September 2024, Centennial Golf Club

Beautiful weather, great golfing, great group, and delicious food!



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OUR COMMUNITY EVENTS AT OUR TRAINING CENTER:

Patterson Rotary Monthly Meeting *February 2024*

The Patterson Rotary, known for support of our area nonprofits, held their February Meeting at our Center to learn more about us, and meet some of our dogs in training.



Hudson Valley Renegades "We Care Wednesday" & Hope Week *June 2024*

Five Hudson Valley Renegades players, and staff came to our Center the morning of June 26, 2024 - the day they honored us at their game, to learn about us, enjoy our dogs, and use their throwing skills. This was part of their Community Cares Campaign.



OUR COMMUNITY EVENTS AT OUR TRAINING CENTER:

Regeneron Employees *October 2024*

Six Regeneron Employees chose to volunteer at our Center for Regeneron’s DOING GOOD Day. They intently listened to our Head Trainer as she explained the basics of how we train our dogs, and then happily and competently drilled our dogs in our backyard, and played Musical Chairs with them inside our Center.



Community Based Services Org. *November 2023-present*

Since our Center opened in November 2023, we’ve supported Community Based Services who send volunteers with developmental disabilities to come twice a month to help clean our Center, and play with our dogs!



WHO WE ARE:

OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

We champion our dogs and their people. We lift up their lives.

And they lived happily ever after...

OUR VISION:

People living with disabilities deserve a life-changing dog from us.*

**If they can competently and humanely care for the dog.*

OUR VALUES:

Compassion towards people and dogs, excellence, transparency in all aspects of our operation, and thoughtful use of our resources.



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OUR COMMUNITY BUSINESSES SUPPORT US

OUR 2024 GRANT FUNDERS:

M & T Bank, Ridgefield Thrift Store, and Lake Mahopac Rotary

OUR 2024 EVENT SPONSORS:

All proceeds from our fundraising events go towards the training and care of our dogs.

COMMUNITY BUSINESS SUPPORTERS OF OUR 5TH ANNUAL FUNMINSTER DOG SHOW (MAY 2024)

“Hudson Valley Credit Union is committed to supporting organizations like Putnam Service Dogs that enhance the quality of life for our veterans and individual with disabilities. This extraordinary work changes lives, and we’re proud to support their efforts” - Hudson Valley Credit Union

Event Sponsor: Hudson Valley Credit Union

Gold: Burke Energy, Putnam Press/Times, Southeast Animal Hospital, Volz Auto Group

Silver: Guardian Veterinary Specialists, Brook Farm Veterinary Center, Roosevelt Veterinary Center, Choice Pet, Brewster Rotary

Bronze: Coffee Labs Roasters, Inc., South Putnam Animal Hospital, D Fence, Brewster Subaru, Wags Doggie Day Camp & Boarding, Powerhouse Gym, North Street Physical Medicine and Rehab, Superior Fence and Rail

Best Friend: Ace Endico, Middlebranch Veterinary, Instinct Dog Training Hudson Valley, Baldwin Place Animal Hospital, Diana’s Paws Pet Sitting & Walking

Friend: Bee & Jay Plumbing & Heating, Lincolnale Veterinary Center, Pawsitively Petastic, LLC, George Apap, Inc.

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COMMUNITY BUSINESS SUPPORTERS OF OUR **5TH ANNUAL FUNMINSTER DOG SHOW** (MAY 2024)

Silent Auction Items Donated buy Community Businesses:

- Gift Basket from Coffee Labs Roasters – \$50 value
- Dog Goodie Basket from Dogtopia in Fishkill – \$110 value
- Gift Basket from Pampered Pooch, Bethel – \$200 value
- Gift Basket from Yearning Wild Treats & Chews – \$50 value
- BarkBox Gift Certificate – \$45 value
- 50% off 1 grooming at Brusarah Pet Grooming Salon
- Gift Basket from Chewy – \$65 value
- Gift Basket from Pooch Paradise – \$150 value
- Wine Tasting for 4 at Millbrook Vineyards – \$75 value
- 9 Gift Cards for \$5 each from Robeks
- Fresh Juices & Smoothies Carmel – \$45 value
- Gift Basket from Volz Auto Group - Hiking with your Pup - \$180 value
- Gift Basket from Volz Auto Group - Tea Time - \$100 Value

Vendors:

- Instinct Dog Training Hudson Valley
- Guardian Veterinary Specialists
- Brook Farm Veterinary Center
- Roosevelt Veterinary Center
- Choice Pet
- Westfair Water Systems

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SPONSORS AND DONORS OF OUR 8TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Golf Ball Sponsor: Volz Auto Group

Breakfast Sponsor: Honey Do Men

Hole Sponsors:

Douglas C. Lane & Associates (2 holes), Schwartz Heslin Group, Inc, PCSB
Community Foundation, Coffee Labs Roasters, Burke Energy, Volz Auto Group,
Guardian Veterinary Specialists (2 holes), Honey Do Men, First Quality
Enterprises, Bill Henry Tree Service

Swag Bag Sponsor: Honey Do Men

Large Tee Sign: PCSB Community Foundation; Jefferson Valley Eye Care ,
Appliance Sales Plus, Tompkins Community Bank, Putnam Valley Petroleum Corp.,
Bailey & Beaty Financial Services, Wags Doggie Day Camp & Boarding, Anna's
Limousine, Hogan, Rossi & Liguori

Tee Sign: Bee & Jay Plumbing & Heating, South Putnam Animal Hospital, L & Q
Nails and Spa, Inc., George Apap, Inc., Brewster Ford, Doc James Cigars, Red Mills
Pub, George Hartshorn Paving, TruNorth Financial Solutions, Classic Cleaners
(Jefferson Valley), Feehan Insurance Agency, Brewster Glass, Kobacker's
Market, The Brunch House

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OUR COMMUNITY BUSINESSES SUPPORT US

SPONSORS AND DONORS OF OUR 8TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Silent Auction Items Donated buy Community Businesses:

- Old Oaks Country Club foursome with lunch & carts – \$1,000 value
- Trump National Golf Club Hudson Valley foursome & carts – \$1,000 value
- Mahopac Golf Club foursome with lunch & carts – \$600 value
- Pelham Bay & Split Rock Golf Course 2 foursomes- \$600 value
- Mount Kisco Country Club foursome with lunch – \$500 value
- Hampshire Country Club foursome with carts – \$500 value
- Copake Country Club foursome & cart – \$340 value
- Richter Park Golf Course weekday foursome & carts – \$340 value
- Golf Performance Center (Ridgefield) one PDI Coach Guided Assessment – \$299 value
- Putnam County Golf Course foursome & carts – \$280
- Foursome golf & carts, Pehquenakonck Country Club – \$218.00 value
- Foursome at The Links @ Valley Fields (carts not included) \$160 value
- Twosome golf & carts, Vails Grove Golf Course – \$150 value
- Golf lesson with Golf Pro, Thomas Sialiano, Pleasantville Country Club – \$150 value
- Foursome & carts at Dogwood Knolls Golf Club – \$150 value
- Twosome golfing & carts & 2 hats, Cronin's Golf Resort – \$140 value
- Golf Lounge 18/Danbury – two hours of bay time for a foursome – \$130 value
- 2 Lift Tickets Thunder Ridge Ski Area – \$100 value
- Doggie Gift Basket from Community Based Services, In. – \$75 value
- Back Nine Indoor Golf two hours of golf for a foursome – \$80 value

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YOUR SUPPORT MAKES AN IMPACT:

- We provide FREE service dogs* and FREE follow-up training to Veterans with PTSD, and people with physical disabilities other than blindness, specifically mobility assistance and hearing alert Service dogs.
- We transform lives through compassionate training - both the rescue dog, and their person.
- We adopt and train carefully selected mixed breed rescue dogs. We transform unwanted dogs into beloved community members. We train the teams to work effectively together.
- Our dogs are trained to meet the specific, unique needs of their person
- Our dogs are the decision-makers in their training journey, fostering strong bonds and effective partnerships
- Our commitment to humane care means our dogs thrive in a loving environment, resulting in exceptional training success
- At our unique Training Center, we prioritize the well being and happiness of our dogs while preparing them to become invaluable companions for people with disabilities, enabling them to lead fuller, more independent lives.
- Our passionate team consistently goes above and beyond to ensure the well-being of our dogs and the success of our program.
- Our dogs are the ultimate decision maker on who their person is. We make paper matches, and then our dogs show us who's their person.

*What is a Service Dog?

A dog that performs tasks to assist their person with disabilities which the person isn't able to do for themselves.



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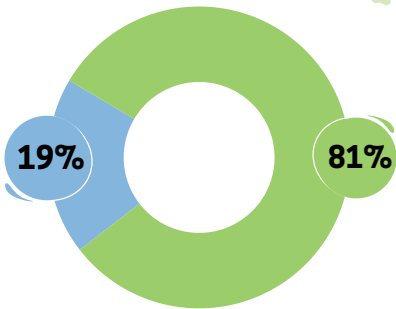
FINANCIALS FOR FY2024

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Nov 1, 2023-Oct 31, 2024



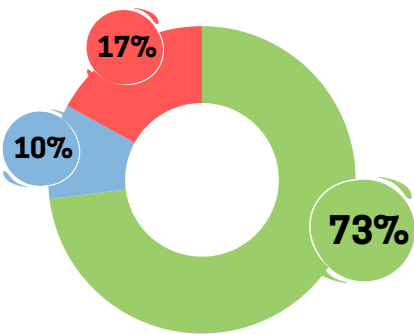
REVENUE:

Contributions, Events & Interest	\$ 336,448
In-Kind Donations	\$ 78,347
Total:	\$ 414,795



EXPENSES:

Program	\$ 207,708
Management & General	\$ 29,089
Fundraising & Events	\$ 49,626
Total:	\$ 286,423



CAPITAL EXPENSES:

Training Center Renovations*	\$ 51,090
<i>*Will be depreciated over 10 years</i>	
Total Assets	\$ 66,687
Liabilities	0
Net Assets	\$ 66,687**

***\$ 23,824 Restricted, \$ 42,863 Unrestricted*

What We Accomplished in FY2024

- We finished renovating and moving into our Training Center
- We placed Georgia as Robert’s Service Dog. They passed their Public Access Test.
- We earned a 4* Charity Navigator rating

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