

FY2025 ANNUAL REPORT

(NOVEMBER 1, 2024 - OCTOBER 31, 2025)

PutnamServiceDogs

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Kephra, Jen, Gabby , and Gus the day Kephra
& Gus passed their Public Access Test

And they lived happily ever after...

A MESSAGE FROM

NANCY TEAGUE, CEO/FOUNDER



Dear Friend of Putnam Service Dogs:

Thanks to your support, this year was a very successful year for us!

We set a record by placing six service dog teams - three for people with physical mobility disabilities, and three for Veterans with PTSD. Because we allow our dogs to pick their person, and intensely train and support each new service dog team, our teams are magical. Happy dog, happy person. Your support changes lives!

Thanks to your support, our service dogs are provided at no cost. They're raised in caring homes, and trained with patience and compassion. We rescue dogs from shelters—dogs who show service dog potential—and train them to become life-changing partners for people with disabilities. These partnerships create independence, confidence, and joy for individuals, while giving our special dogs the loving purpose they were meant to have. Your support lifts up lives.

Our Training Center greatly enhance ours effectiveness. Our dogs they are happy, healthy, and thriving in their training. Our Rutgers University Chapter is training and socializing three pups for us. Our 2025 Volunteer of the Year, Puppy Raiser Nick, is raising his 4th pup. Our 2025 events were the largest yet, raising more funds than expected.

Lastly, I have the unexpected honor of being awarded the 2025 Businessperson of the Year Award by the Brewster Chamber of Commerce.

Thank you for your support this year!

With heartfelt thanks.

Nancy Teague

And they lived happily ever after...

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WHO WE ARE & WHAT WE DO:

WE LIFT UP LIVES

Founded in 2016, Putnam Service Dogs is a nonprofit that transforms rescue dogs into life-changing free Service Dogs for Veterans with PTSD and people with physical disabilities.

We champion the unique personalities and needs of each dog. Our humane, relationship-centered training process fosters powerful connections between dogs and their people. Each match ultimately is determined by the dog showing us their natural bond with a person, creating partnerships that are truly transformative. Both lives change for the better.



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.*

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

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



We're a 501(c)3



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SERVICE DOG TEAMS OF 2025



Kephra & Gus



Olivia & Rolo



Vittoria & Hope



Larry & Forest



Chris & Gertie

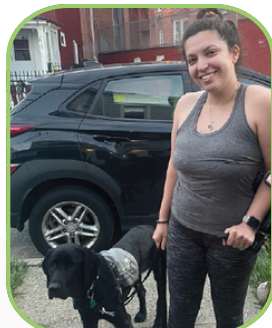


David & Gizmo

PREVIOUSLY PLACED TEAMS



Kate & Duke



Sarah & Eddie



Janet & Danny



Kate & Duke

RETIRED



Maria & Belle



Ann Marie & Benji



Bob & Callie

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KEPHRA & GUS

Gus was raised by our incomparable Rutgers University Companion Animal Club; riding campus buses, attending class, and living in the dorm.

Sweet, gentlemanly, tall Gus and Kephra immediately bonded when they met. Kephra suffered his injuries in a car accident. Gus retrieves dropped items, stabilizes Kephra during his blinding headaches (paws on Kephra's lap, even against his chest if he keeps leaning forward during an episode) and happily accompanies him. They go shopping, to the park, out into the world together.



Here's how Gus has changed Kephra's life, per Kephra's fiancé, Jen. "Gus has given Kephra independence, safety, grounding, and help with emotion regulation. He's prevented major falls and injuries at least 6 times in the 5 months we've had him. By picking up things so Kephra doesn't have to bend over, Gus has prevented countless more falls. My anxiety as a caregiver has decreased knowing Gus is there to help. Kephra loves the routine of caring for Gus. He brushes Gus's coat daily, which they both enjoy. Having a pup who loves him has helped Kephra a lot!"

Thank you for your support!



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CHRIS & GERTIE



When Chris and athletic Gertie met, they had an instant bond. Chris, a Veteran who was a Combat Medic and served 15 months in Iraq, was leading a lonely, isolated life due to PTSD.

Now he has a purpose - caring for Gertie. Making her happy is making himself happier. This happy, high energy girl is up for a walk anytime! Chris now loves being outside with her and is happy to give her 7 mile walks/day.

They love their ball throwing sessions at a nearby park. He treasures her affectionate companionship. When he has a nightmare, she wakes him up by licking his face. He now has fewer panic attacks during the day. He's even felt moments of joy - when she went swimming and fetched the stick he threw her.



At a restaurant



On a bus

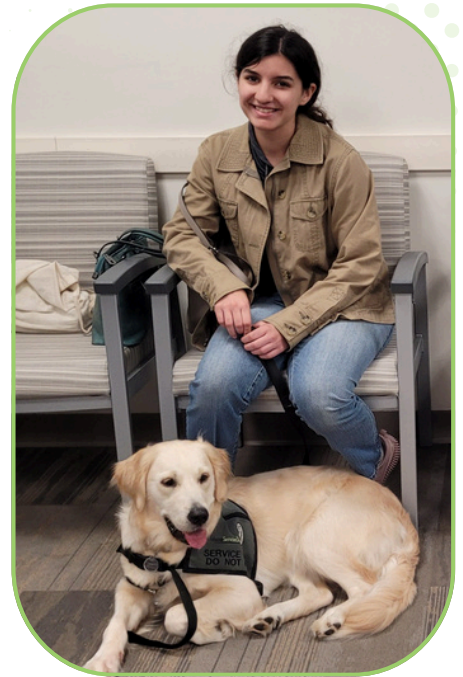
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VITTORIA & HOPE

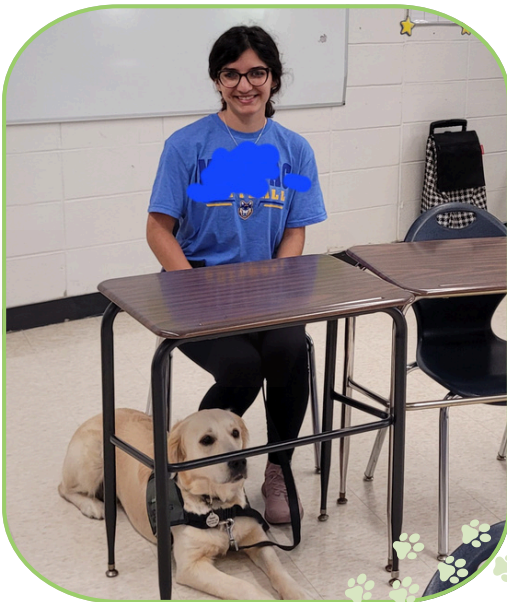
Hope's owner opened the door on one of the coldest winter days last December, and sent Hope and her brother out the door. Animal Control picked up Hope, but her brother had already been killed by a car. We adopted Hope. Vittoria, a high school student with disabilities, raised her for us. Vittoria blossomed in confidence as she stepped up to raise Hope to be a Service Dog.

Now this sweet dog is Vittoria's service dog and constant companion. They passed the Public Access Test in August to become a service dog team. Very closely bonded, Hope follows Vittoria everywhere in the house, keeping a close eye on her.



Vittoria still drills Hope daily to enhance her service dog skills and is even teaching her to fetch her toys by name. Vittoria looks forward to attending college with Hope by her side.

Your support lifts up lives!



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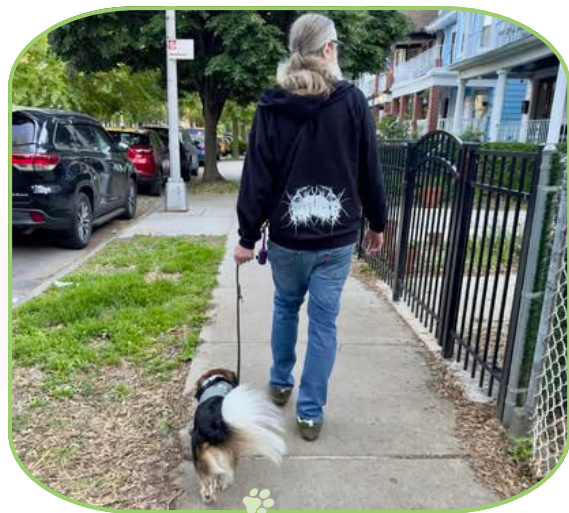
DAVID & GIZMO



Mighty spirits come in small packages. David loves small dogs, and when he met Gizmo, it was love at first sight for both of them. David, an ex-Army Fire Support and Gizmo are a tight, strong team.

David's wife describes them: "David has a routine now and a responsibility to the most adorable dog. Before, David wouldn't go out for days. Now he walks at least 4 miles a day! He recently attended a wedding with me. In the past he avoided crowds."

He'll even ride the subway now! He navigated easily through the crowds at DMV when he renewed his license. When David starts to spin, Gizmo will either nudge him with his nose, or lick his face to bring him out of it. Gizmo is always there when David needs him."



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OLIVIA & ROLLO

Rolo was donated to us by a Missouri Service Dog trainer after his placement fell apart. Our Head Trainer flew there, spent several days assessing Rolo and training with him. She flew back with him and Rolo aced his flight experience!

After nursing Rolo back to health and sharpening his training, we placed sweet Rolo with Olivia. Strong chemistry from the beginning, they're inseparable. This lonely little girl's life has changed, as has her whole family's because of Rolo.

Thank you for your support!



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LARRY & FOREST



Ex-Marine Larry & Forest chose each other at their initial meeting. Since then, their bond has grown deep and trusting. Larry served in the Marine Corps Reserve from 1996–2000, re-enlisted after 9/11, and deployed twice to Iraq as an infantry rifleman.

On April 26, 2005, an IED blast killed a close friend and sent Larry to the hospital for nearly two weeks—yet he returned to finish the deployment for his squad. He was later awarded a Purple Heart for his sacrifice and service.

“My second deployment was really rough. We lost 48 Marines,” he says. Coming home, he realized the hardest battles weren’t behind him. “The hard part was coming home... I was lost.”

Before Forest, Larry avoided crowds and noisy spaces, and mostly stayed home. Now he’ll even go to the grocery store. Larry says “Things I hate to do, if I do it with Forest, I don’t mind. Like the Supermarket or any place with a lot of people.”

Larry describes his life with Forest: “He’s someone I can always count on. I feel safer when he’s with me. He gets me out more. He’s helped my sleep schedule. He always has my back. It’s like having my battle buddy again.”

You’re changing lives. Thank you.



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OUR HONOREES OF 2025

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR - NICK PISCIONERE

Nick has been a Volunteer Puppy Raiser for us for 2 ½ years. This volunteer opportunity is the most demanding one we have as it requires 1-2 hours/day to do it properly. Nick raised Forest (now Larry's Service Dog), and has helped raise Freddy (now released), Frankie (just placed as a service dog) and Ivan (still in training). This hard working volunteer is always eager to attend events with his pup or meet for a session with our trainers.

He diligently follows our trainer's guidance to advance his pup. Kind and loving, he even fenced his backyard! He provides a great home for our pups and a great start on their path.

We celebrate Nick!

Want to know
more about why to
be a Service Dog
Puppy Raiser?

CLICK HERE



BREWSTER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 2025 BUSINESS PERSON OF THE YEAR

Our CEO/Founder, **Nancy Teague**, was named 2025 Business Person of the Year by the Brewster Chamber of Commerce. This high honor is deeply appreciated by Nancy. She strives tirelessly to build Putnam Service Dogs to increase the good it creates - both for the rescue dog it trains, and their person. Since Nancy founded it in 2016, she, and the organization have grown immensely. Putnam Service Dogs is now a highly rated nonprofit: 4* Charity Navigator, BBB Accredited (less than 10% of nonprofits are), a Platinum Candid (Guidestar) organization, and a 501(c)3.



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IF YOU LOVE DOGS, YOU'LL LOVE THESE CLOTHES!

OUR NEW CLOTHING LINE

We're proud to offer you tee shirts, hoodies, sweatshirts, long sleeve shirts, and caps featuring that promote how much dogs add to our lives and why we love them. Children - 2X sizes offered in many colors. Excellent quality garments.

Wear unique designs created just for us that mirror our Mission: We champion our dogs and their people. We lift up lives.

... And they lived happily ever after...



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THE LIFE OF OUR PUPS AT OUR RESIDENTIAL TRAINING CENTER

We house four dogs at our Residential Training Center, the rest of our pups live with their Volunteer Puppy Raisers. Our caretakers are there 24/7 (live there) to attend to our dogs at all times. Our dogs progress rapidly through their training at our Center, but also have fun. Happy dogs learn fastest.

We respect the individuality of each of our dogs in training, and work to ensure their success. The demand for our dogs is overwhelming. We're receiving up to 10 applications/week now for our 8 dogs in training.

Your support matters! Thank you!

CUTE DOG
ALERT!



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OUR FUNDRAISING EVENTS IN FY25

OUR 6TH ANNUAL FUNMINSTER DOG SHOW

APRIL 12, 2025

This affordable, family oriented event features area friendly pet dogs - all breeds (even mixed) and all ages. Each year it grows in attendance and support of our organization and cause.

Proud owners show off their best friend while competing to win a trophy or ribbons for Best in class. 10 Fun categories - Wiggle Butt, Shaggiest Coat, Best Senior, Best Dressed, Best Tail, Best Ears, Most Talented, Look Alike, Largest Dog, and Smallest Dog.



The dog loving audience loves seeing the variety of dogs who live in our community as they strut their stuff in the ring. Truly Unique dog show! Delicious food from a renowned food truck (Wandering Dave's), Great DJ Music, Free Parking, Great venue (Patterson Recreation Center).

Truly a celebration of dogs!

Join us April 11, 2026 for our 7th Annual Funminster.



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OUR FUNDRAISING EVENTS IN FY25

OUR 9TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

SEPTEMBER 29, 2025

Our largest golf tournament ever (109 players), at a wonderful venue. The weather cooperated and it was a beautiful day for golf! Our large tournament completed the course in record time. Delicious food, flowing drinks, and a great Silent & Live auction featuring many golf items, trips, and tickets to popular sporting events. The staff at Trump National Golf Club Hudson Valley were very gracious, and professional. Happy folks left at the end of our most successful fundraising event so far! All proceeds go towards the training of our dogs.

Join us for our 10th Annual Tournament September 28, 2026.



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VOLUNTEERS FROM OUR COMMUNITY BUSINESSES

Regeneron Employees

For the 2nd year in a row, six Regeneron employees chose to volunteer at our Training 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. Then they happily and competently drilled our dogs on obedience and played Musical Chairs. (They couldn't grab a chair until their pup laid on a waiting dog bed). The pups enjoyed all the new people and we enjoyed their bright, scientific minds analyzing service dog training.

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Hudson Valley Credit Union Event Volunteers



Hudson Valley Credit Union employees have generously devoted their time to diligently assist us at our events for the past 3 years. We thank Hudson Valley Credit Union for supporting our organization and cause both through sponsoring our events, and volunteering at our events.

Event sponsor for the last 2 years at our Funminster Dog Show, they're a very strong partner!

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WE THANK OUR COMMUNITY BUSINESSES!

Our Community Businesses generously supported us this year through Grants, Sponsorships, and Volunteering. Their support went towards the training and care of our dogs.

Thank you!!!

GRANTORS WHO SUPPORTED US IN FY25:

- Community Foundation of Hudson Valley (2 Grants)
- Ridgefield Thrift Store
- M & T Bank
- Peckham Foundation
- Lake Mahopac & Rotary Foundation
- Hiscox Foundation.

FY25 FUNMINSTER DOG SHOW SUPPORTERS

- **Event Sponsor:** [Hudson Valley Federal Credit Union](#)
- **Gold:** [Putnam Press/Times](#), [Volz Auto Group](#), [Southeast Animal Hospital](#), [Halston Media](#)
- **Silver:** [Roosevelt Veterinary Hospital](#), [Coffee Labs Roasters](#), [Guardian Veterinary Specialists](#), [Burke Energy](#), [Choice Pet](#), [M & T Bank](#)
- **Bronze:** [Superior Fence & Rail of Western Connecticut](#), [South Putnam Animal Hospital](#), [Honey Do Men](#), [Wags Doggie Day Camp & Boarding](#), [Robeks Fresh Juices & Smoothies \(Carmel\)](#)
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- **Donors of Silent Auction Items:** [Millbrook Winery](#), [Cherry Willow Photography](#), [Yearning Wild Treats & Chews](#), [Chewy](#)

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FY25 GOLF TOURNAMENT SUPPORTERS

- **Event Sponsor:** Burke Energy.
- **Lunch Sponsor:** Volz Auto Group
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- **Swag Sponsor:** Phoenix Nanny and Domestic, Chris Automotive Center
- **Large Tee sign:** Stiloski's Automotive Corp., South Putnam Animal Hospital, PCSB Community Foundation, Feehan Insurance, George Hartshorn Paving, Appliance Sales Plus, Jefferson Valley Eye Care, Bailey & Beatty Financial, Wags Doggie Day Camp & Boarding.
- **Tee Sign:** PCSB Community Foundation, One up Nail - Jefferson Valley Mall, Doc James Cigars, Bee & Jay Plumbing & Heating, Byron's Patterson Auto Body, Local 21 Plumbers-Steamfitters-HVACR Service Union, Bobo's Cafe, Red Mills Pub, Hogan, Rossi & Liguori, Bill Henry Tree Service
- **Donors of Silent Auction Items:** Trump National Golf Club Westchester, Salem Golf Club, Old Oaks Golf Club, Trump National Golf Club Hudson Valley, Ardley Country Club, Pelham Country Club, Mahopac Golf Club, Knollwood Country Club, Pound Ridge Country Club, Pehquenakonck Country Club, Woodloch Springs Golf, Mount Kisco Country Club, Hampshire Country Club, The Links at Union Vale, Richter Park Golf Course, Griffith E. Harris Golf Club, Beekman Golf Course, Putnam County Golf Course, Dogwood Knolls, 1 lesson with golf pro, Thomas Sialiano, Pleasantville Country Club, Vails Grove Golf Course, Rolling Green Golf Club, Vassar Golf Course, Minnechaug Golf Course



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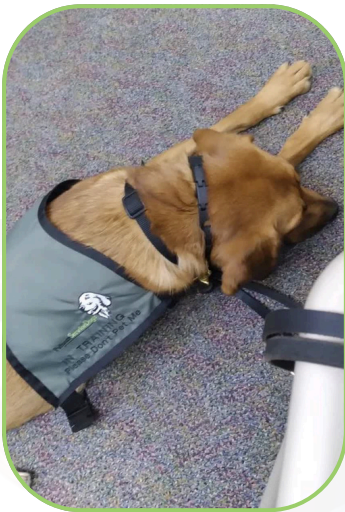
RUTGERS UNIVERSITY COMPANION ANIMAL CLUB

This is the 3rd year this large, active collegiate club has raised pups for us. Well organized, and very diligent, these Rutgers University students do an excellent job caring for and loving our pups, training them in obedience and house manners, and socializing them. Our 4 pups live in the dorm with their raiser, go to class, and ride campus buses with them. They've raised Gertie & Gus - now working service dogs.

Thank you CAC!



Harper on a campus bus



Harper at class



Drilling Haiden on walking



Rutgers' raisers with their pup



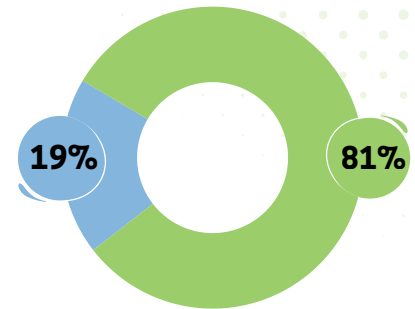
FINANCIALS FOR FY2025

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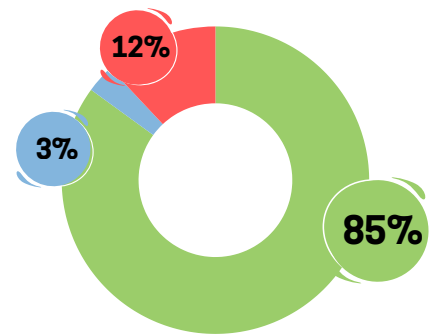
REVENUE:

Contributions, Events & Interest	\$ 340,094
In-Kind Donations	\$ 78,206
Total:	\$ 418,300



EXPENSES:

Program	\$ 261,612
Management & General	\$ 1,066
Fundraising & Events	\$ 36,637
Total:	\$ 299,315



CAPITAL EXPENSES:

Training Center Renovation	\$ 2,870
Van	\$ 3,924
Total:	\$ 6,794

What We Accomplished in FY2025:

- We created 6 new Service Dog Teams
- We adopted 3 Release Dogs to people with disabilities as their ESA
- We paid off our van in September 2025 - a \$435/month payment
- We added a 3rd part time trainer to our staff
- Our CEO, Nancy Teague, was awarded 2025 Business Person of the Year by the Brewster Chamber of Commerce

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