

Harness & Leash

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Message from Will Henry, Director of Client Services

Hello,

I hope that you are experiencing good weather in your area and are able to get out and about every day to enjoy it.

I'd like to address a question we receive quite regularly, 'Is it time to retire my dog?' This can be a very hard decision for a person using a Leader Dog, but we are here to assist, or should I say that we can be where you are to assist.

Leader Dog has many field representatives on contract throughout the U.S. They are available to come to your home and give you their professional opinion on how well your dog is working and whether you should be considering retirement for him or her. If we do not have a field representative available to get to your home in a timely manner, another great option is to send us a video of you and your dog working. A guide dog mobility instructor will review the video and call you back to discuss your concerns.

However, please remember that it is always your decision when to retire your Leader Dog. We will assist with insight and recommendations, but the final say on your dog's retirement date is up to you.

Omission

It was kindly pointed out that we missed one group from Class 15-04 in our last issue of Update. We apologize for this oversight.

Here is their information: Apprentice GDMI Kate Roberts; Kassandra Lemons and Stella, black lab (puppy raiser: Daniel Harteau); Mark Harris and Hanna, black lab (puppy raiser: Fort Dodge Correctional Facility); Rachel Slater and Parfait (Parlez), golden retriever (puppy raiser: Cynthia Beard)

HumanWare Offers LDB Clients Breeze Upgrade at a Reduced Price

HumanWare is releasing an upgrade to their Trekker Breeze GPS called the Breeze Plus. The upgrade includes faster GPS acquisition time (as quick as 10 seconds); a higher quality, stronger GPS signal; improved GPS accuracy and improved performance in urban areas with tall buildings. HumanWare will install all new software and maps on your old Breeze and clean the keypad if required.

HumanWare is offering the upgrade to LDB clients currently using the Breeze for \$150 through August 31 (normally \$199). You can place your order via phone at 800-722-3393 or email questions to info@humanware.com. They will provide you with instructions on how to ship your current Breeze for upgrade and arrange for payment. You will be asked to confirm that you are a Leader Dog client to receive the promotional discount.

Please contact HumanWare directly regarding this offer, our client service coordinators cannot assist with the upgrade.

HumanWare Offers LDB Clients Reduced Price for Breeze Plus

HumanWare is offering a reduced price of \$699 for a new Breeze Plus GPS for Leader Dog clients who do not already have a Breeze GPS unit. This is \$100 off the \$799 retail price. You can place your order via phone at 800-722-3393 or email questions to

info@humanware.com.

Please contact HumanWare directly regarding this offer, our client service coordinators cannot assist with this purchase.

Urban Environment Training in Chicago

In late June we will be conducting Urban Environment Training again in Chicago. We have a second class scheduled this year for September 27-October 2 (full class September 13-October 7). This experience gives clients who live, work or travel in big cities the opportunity to train in this busy environment with a GDMI. Clients stay in a hotel outside of Chicago city limits and experience daily commutes into and out of the city.

Anyone who travels along busy city streets and uses mass transportation should request more information about this program when starting the application process.

ACB & NFB National Conventions

We will have representatives at both the ACB (Dallas) and the NFB (Orlando) conventions this year. If you plan on attending the conference or live near the area and would like a “brush-up” with one of our GDMIs, please inform your client services coordinator. Also, if you have any friends that are attending, tell them to stop by the Leader Dog booth to say “hi” and get some updated information on our programs.

Canine Development Center Project Update

Construction on the new build is continuing at a very fast pace with progress visible on a daily basis. Many issues we were experiencing, such as delayed steel deliveries and the need for the ground to thaw, are no longer problems. The HVAC systems and cooling towers have been delivered and have been set on top of the building. The team in the kennel has experienced intermittent power outages as we change over to new electrical panels and everyone has handled it well. In the coming weeks we will need to go on generator power, sometimes for up to ten days, to complete all the required electrical changes. The interior of the building is beginning to take shape and it’s becoming apparent what activity will be housed in each area.

The last phase of the campaign, Friends and Family, went public April 29 on International Guide Dog Day. During this phase we are reaching out to Leader Dog constituents (clients, puppy

raisers, volunteers, breeding hosts, employees and donors) along with the general public to raise the final \$2.2 million needed to reach the \$14.5 million dollar campaign goal.

There is a lot of information about the Canine Center including a video, fundraising updates and how people can help on our website at www.leaderdog.org/canine-center.

Setting up a Fundraising Page

One of the ways you can help raise money for the new Canine Development Center is to set up a personal fundraising page called myLeaderDog which can include your personal story and photo. You can email your friends and family a link to the page to encourage them to support the Canine Center. The current issue of Update has information on how to go about doing this from our website.

Leader Dog's philanthropy department has people available to assist you if you are having trouble setting up a myLeaderDog page. Please feel free to contact us at 888-777-5332 and let the receptionist know you need help with myLeaderDog, you will be connected with someone who can help.

New Online ADA Complaint Form

The Department of Justice now has an online system for submitting ADA complaints. Visit www.ada.gov to access the form. You can also obtain a paper form to submit your complaint by mail

by calling 1-800-514-0301 or for TTY 1-800-514-0383. They are no longer taking complaints via email.

Dear Director of Dog Training

Excerpt from an email from LDB Client Duane Hudspath

My current Leader Dog, ArieH, would not poop on an expected schedule. Right off I learned not to vary his diet and recently I learned that controlling his water consumption is also very important; still, it was unpredictable.

Then my life was revolutionized when I read Harness and Leash a few months ago and I learned that Leader Dog is now using treats as reward. I thought, "My yellow lab would do anything for food!" The article explained that the reward should be random.

The next time I was at Petco, I bought a couple treats which I thought might not upset my dog's digestion. When I got an easy, quick poop out of him, I gave him his first reward. I could tell he thought he'd died and gone to heaven. He'd look for more, and I'd have to tell him, "All gone." Now he understands.

At first treats worked well, then they seemed to stop working. I kept persisting. We're on our third bag of treats now and I'm pleased to report that I can see a definite improvement in his willingness to put out the effort to poop.

Arieh's nine now. I know the clock is ticking and soon it will wind down. If my past history is a guide, I'll be back at Leader Dog within the next two years.

Note from Keith McGregor, Director of Training: As mentioned by Duane, food rewards should be given randomly and should not be considered a quick fix. Also, given incorrectly they may promote undesired behaviors. If you have a question regarding the correct use of food rewards, please call us at 888-777-5332 and we can tell you more about the process.

Circle of Life

Births

Bailey (hosted by Cheryl Caldwell) x Sully (hosted by Judy Campbell) – 5 German shepherds

Daphne (hosted by Sandra Bowers) x Rodeo (hosted by Mary Ann Grutza) – 1 lab/golden cross

Den (hosted by Dawn Gaden) x Tug (hosted by David Creech) – 8 Labrador retrievers

Giselle (hosted by Kay Shorkey) x Sergeant (hosted by Amy Schuster) – 7 Labrador retrievers

Glorify (hosted by Nina McFarlane) x Gus (hosted by Katherine Wattles) – 6 Labrador retrievers

Grace (hosted by Janet Skillman) x Kasey (hosted by Paul Colombo) – 8 golden retrievers

Jade (hosted by Katie Titus) x Alphonse (hosted by Geri Dunn) – 5
lab/golden cross

Jubilee (hosted by Lynne Davis) x Sawyer (hosted by Jennifer
Ladd) – 8 German shepherds

Kadie (hosted by Jo Patrick Dimmer) x Buddy (hosted by Brad
Mackler) – 8 lab/golden cross

Kizzy (hosted by Carol Kirkbride) x Rodeo (hosted by Mary Ann
Grutza) – 7 Labrador retrievers

Kori (hosted by Fay Grubish) x Wally (hosted by Tammy Bartz) –
9 Labrador retrievers

Lily (hosted by Dan Vandercar) x Huron (hosted by Robert Young)
– 5 Labrador retrievers

Lola (hosted by Betty Crowder) x Heath (hosted by Karen
Helmert) – 6 Labrador retrievers

Macy (hosted by Pamela Odom) x Alphonse (hosted by Geri Dunn) –
9 lab/golden cross

Maggie (hosted by Carol Hutchins) x Benson (hosted by Keith
McGregor) – 2 Labrador retrievers

Millie (hosted by Amy Smyth) x Ollie (hosted by Jackie Raffler) – 5
Labrador retrievers

Pandora (hosted by Candace Goemmel) x Heath (hosted by Karen
Helmert) – 7 Labrador retrievers

Sofie (hosted by Kimberly Prochko) x Cody (hosted by Denise
Malover) – 5 Labrador retrievers

Stella (hosted by Mary Jo Showalter) x Heath (hosted by Karen Helmers) – 6 Labrador retrievers

Tag (hosted by Amy Zauel) x Sergeant (hosted by Amy Schuster) – 4 Labrador retrievers

Tia (hosted by Mary Westhoff) x Ryder (hosted by Robin Biebuyck) – 3 Labrador retrievers

Willow (hosted by Cathie Tulikangas) x Bravo (hosted by Delmarie Ehresman) – 5 golden retrievers

Breeding Stock Retired

Emmy - Marie VanTiflin

Gus - Katherine Wattles

Luna - Nan Nellenbach

Madeline (Maddie) - Susan Smith

Penny - Laura Bandy

Stella - Mary Jo Showalter

Swish - Elizabeth Barr

Breeding Stock Deceased

Gabe - Michelle Hall

Mack - Linda Harris

Leader Dogs Retired

Ace – Natalia Roig Olivart

Addy – John Romish

Autumn – Maria Paris
Ava – Laura Marquez Noguera
Beamer – Bonita Gunsolley
Buddy – Christopher Keasler
Callie – Mark Harris
Callie – Maria Montilla Bejarano
Charlie – Alan Spaulding
Charlotte – Lucille Hahn
Chester – Luis Cosio Mendez
Cody – Juan Gonzalez Piris
Dakota – Abigail Karow
Farrah – Epifanio Sola Tirapu
Grace – Jose Fernandez Calero
Hazel – Melanie Tem
Jake– Geraldine Taekens
Josie – Ozella Tate
Journey – Jana Ayers
Keller – Vickie Booth
Kizzie – Marianne Blanchong
Kolt – Felipe Brito
Lilly – Lourdes Fernandez Gonzalez
Lizzy – Arlene Dull
LOLA – Erich Beurmann
Maddy – Olman Ugalde Gonzalez
Magellan – Bryan Grubb

Maggie – Isabel Berasaluce Eguia
Major – Pamela Bowerman
Margo – Bonita Gunsolley
Murrey – Brenda Caraway
Nagode – Esteban Caballero
Nugget – Maria Roman
Obediah – Jerry Manter
Peachie – Frank Long
Pope Joy – Linda Baumeister
Romeo – Chad Foster
Rusty – Nanette Ballou
Salem – Anna Byrne
Sam – Thomas Gerhart
Simon – Clovis Pereira
Snowy – Susan Smith
Turk – Karl Harper
Zeus – Kenneth Gribble
Zoe – Patricia Lambes

Leader Dogs Deceased

Adam – Luis Lira Lopez
Argus – Apolinar Nieves Rodriguez
Armor – Brian Celusnak
Betsy – Coby Livingstone
Blossom – Florence Brogdon-Fresh

Buddy – Pedro Lopez
Chevy – Daniel Lynam
Chica – Rebeca Remedios Gonzalez
Griffon – Matthew Yeater
Jack – Jose Luis Cabrejas
Katelynn – James Cabrey
Kleo – Nancy Ryder
Lilly – Lourdes Fernandez Gonzalez
Lily – Debra Streeter
Maddie – Luisa Delamaza
Magic – Susan Falender
Mason – Timothy Boszor
Nugget – Donna Schatzau
Ranger – Tom Silverthorn
Simon – Maria Camara
Walden – Danny Osborne
Willow – Jose Luis Jimenez
Yukon – Ann Lemke

Classes (note: GDMI is Guide Dog Mobility Instructor)

Class 15-06

Apprentice GDMI Rebbie Radtke; Anthony Quispe Jimenez and Sammy, black lab (puppy raiser: Chippewa Correctional Facility); Roberto Garcia Martin and Stellar, yellow lab (puppy raiser: Mary

Sinclair); Angela Linares Navarro and Hespny, black lab (puppy raiser: James Schultz); Javier Lumbier Dueso and Rocky, yellow lab (puppy raiser: Jason Walker)

GDMI Dave Meyer; Jenny Andrews and Coal, black lab (puppy raiser: Kenneth McKettrick); Paul Dale and Shadow, golden retriever (puppy raisers: Glenn and Bonnie Price)

GDMI Kevin Ihrke; Apprentice GDMI Lauren Brady; Robert Ash and Heidi, black lab (puppy raiser: Kristi Sazama); Jennifer Tatomir and Zeke, golden retriever (puppy raiser: Steve Asbury); Helen Otero and Cali, yellow lab (puppy raiser: Cathleen Gilleran); Lance Raisanen and Kyper, lab/golden retriever (puppy raiser: Kevin Miller)

GDMI Catherine (Palid) Martin; Gabriel Kelton and Kyla, yellow lab (puppy raiser: Jan Van Wulfen); Karen Powell and Indy, yellow lab (puppy raiser: Christiana Ganahl); Christine Keen and Sugar, yellow lab (puppy raiser: Aaron Lassek); Gregory Ridenhour and Onyx, black lab (puppy raiser: Jennifer Tancaitor)

GDMI Sue Horn; John Murphy and Norm, golden retriever (puppy raiser: Michael Hardesty); Michael Peterson and Alex (Affex), black lab (puppy raiser: Gary Kirchner)

Home Deliveries: Frank Rose and Rueben, yellow lab (puppy raiser: Jason Walker); Donald Whitehead and Pippa, black lab (puppy raiser: Megan Battersby)

Class 15-07

GMDI Christie Bane; Ignacio Martinez Cosgaya and Timmy, yellow lab (puppy raiser: Mick Brzezinski); Pedro Pablo Duque Suarez and Bailey, black lab (puppy raiser: Pamela Stamm); Armando Martinez Gonzalez and Sundance, yellow lab (puppy raiser: William McDonald); Jose Manuel Ferreras Menendez and Diva, black lab (puppy raiser: Carol McCartney); Joaquin Eguren Arrillaga and Ginger, yellow lab (puppy raiser: Kelsey Millstead)

GDMI Katie Wattles; Edward Luebken and Sunny, yellow lab (puppy raiser: Minnesota Correctional Facility – Lino Lakes); Keith Kearney and Foss, black lab (puppy raiser: Drake Eaves)

Apprentice GDMI Sarah Duyck; Patricia Lambes and Sunshine, black lab (puppy raiser: Richard Flanagan); Gary Thompson and Lillian, black lab (puppy raiser: Timothy Pittman); Melanie Ludy and Casi, black lab (puppy raiser: Nancelee Halle)

Florida Training: GDMI Jessica Bimmerman; GDMI Paul Meister; GDMI David Locklin; Jeffrey Perrin and Dudley, black lab (puppy raiser: Leland DeWitt); Jo Ellen Janssen and Jasz, black lab

(puppy raiser: Nancy Merckle); Richard Kent and Easy, black lab (puppy raiser: Therese Wheaton); Rita Harris and Madden, chocolate lab (puppy raiser: Tiffany Patten); Andrea Smith and Zoey (Zuri), yellow lab (puppy raiser: Marissa Baney); Michael Redding and Crosby, black lab (puppy raiser: Tiffany Patten)

Home Deliveries: Alan Spaulding and Cerci, yellow lab (puppy raiser: Travis Herman); Dwayne Estes and Brent, black lab (puppy raiser: Tyler Wirtjes)

Class 15-08

GDMI Linda Fisher: Terry Dillivan and Sergei, yellow lab (puppy raiser: Sherrill Platt); Charles JuHala and Cricket, black lab (puppy raisers: Elwood and Bonnie Thomas); Cynthia Coleman and Hook, black lab (puppy raiser: Susanne Quallich); Kelly Faith and Bailey, black lab (puppy raiser: Sherry Perkowitz)

GDMI Phil Griffin; GDMI Bryan Young; Michael Amoroso and Ally (Allegiance), black lab (puppy raiser: Gary Klop); Lisa Hoskins and Nikko, German shepherd (brush-up training); Anthony Alvarez and Phoenix, black lab (puppy raiser: Ariel Williams)

Apprentice GDMI Kathryn Roberts; Sonia Ulate Cordova and Rosie, black lab (puppy raisers: Lisa and Howard O'Brien); Luis Castro Calderon and Bayou, yellow lab (puppy raiser: Judith Kimpan);

Esteban Caballero and Iggy, black lab (puppy raiser: Diane Bellmore); Jeannette Ramirez Cordero and Brankel, black lab (puppy raiser: Blake Privitt)

Home Deliveries: Amy Rhoads and Callie (Connie), black lab (puppy raiser: Justin Robuck); Karl Harper and Willow, black lab (puppy raiser: Penny Joyner); Rudy Sanchez and Josie, black lab (puppy raiser: Janice Van Wulfen)

Contact Us by Phone, Email or Text

Your first point of contact for assistance is always the client services department. You can reach them by calling 888-777-5332, or email or text us at clientservices@leaderdog.org.

Questions, Comments or Suggestions

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