Harness & Leash

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Message from David Locklin, Director of Programs

(David is from England, so it will be most realistic if you read his message with an English accent)

Hello,

Since most of you don't know me, I'd like to give a short history of my background. My first guide dog mobility instructor (GDMI) job was with Guide Dogs in the UK. After 10 years, I became a service delivery manager and oversaw guide dog and O&M services, Buddy Dogs (pairing pet dogs with children who are blind) and My Guide (using human guides to integrate clients into their community).

My next position was as operations manager at Irish Guide Dogs where I was responsible for the strategic direction of client services, breeding, dog care and training.

I came to LDB a little over a year ago as the class coordinator overseeing the class portion of training. I was able to spend a lot of time with GDMIs and clients in class which allowed me to learn a lot about Leader Dog processes and how they are the same, and different, from the organizations where I previously worked.

Most recently I became director of programs and am now responsible for providing leadership and strategic day-to-day

direction for the training, client services, residence services and kitchen teams.

Over the past year people have asked me why I (and my wife, Laraine, and daughter, Erin) moved so far to work at Leader Dog. There are several reasons: because LDB has a residence-based program that allows clients the time they need to learn the skills they need, because the GDMIs have the time they need to teach the dogs the skills they need and because I believe in LDBs training methodology. On a more personal side, Leader Dog's values are so in sync with my own that I feel privileged to work here.

I look forward to meeting more clients and continuing to work toward improving the services we offer.

Meet our Field Representatives

In this issue we highlight two more of our field representatives. The remaining field rep. will be highlighted in the next issue of Harness & Leash.

Bryan Young

Bryan has been at Leader Dog for almost two years and has been a guide dog mobility instructor (GDMI) for 19 years. As of January, he transferred from being an on-campus GDMI to a field representative.

Bryan was interested in being a field rep. because it will allow him to establish positive relationships with LDB graduates and

potential clients. He likes tackling ‘real world’ issues that arise for graduates and their dogs.

With a long family history connecting him to LDB, going back to his grandparents, Bryan feels that being a GDMI is in his blood.

He currently has a female German shepherd and trains dogs in other disciplines besides guide work such as schutzhund, where dogs are trained for police-style work.

John Detloff

John began his career at Leader Dog as a GDMI, went to another guide dog organization for 14 years as a field rep., and came back to Leader Dog almost two years ago as a field rep—giving him a combined 30 years of experience.

John says that he went into guide work for the dogs, but stayed for the people. He likes working in the field where he can apply what he learned as a GDMI to real life situations with clients. After all these years, he is still in awe when he watches clients and dogs work together. He considers himself a cheerleader and makes sure clients he works with know when they are doing a good job.

Once when working with a client and dog on distraction work, the training day ended at PetSmart. John happened to off-handedly mention that dog clothes were 80% off, and after making the client promise never to dress the dog in clothes when working in harness, he spent the next hour describing the outfits

to her. She ended up buying about 14 outfits including a princess dress, cheerleading outfit and formalwear for her dog.

Summer Experience Camp Application Time

Summer at Leader Dog means that we will get to experience one great, loud, wonderfully exciting week of Summer Experience Camp with a large group of teenagers! In late June we'll be overrun by 20+ kids who will have one of the best weeks of their lives—kayaking, tandem biking, rock wall climbing, hanging with peers and learning more about what life might be like traveling with a Leader Dog.

Many of these kids hear about our Summer Experience program from you, our clients, and we need your help spreading the word about the program again this year. So, if you are aware of a boy or girl, ages 16 or 17 who is visually impaired that might like to attend camp, have them check out our website at leaderdog.org. The dates are June 25-July 2, with applications due by April 1.

Urban Environment Training in Chicago

We will be conducting Urban Environment Training again in Chicago this year. The dates are June 20-24 (full class June 5-24) and September 18-23 (full class September 4-28). 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.

Free ACVO Service Dog Eye Exams

The American College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists (ACVO) will again be conducting free eye exams for qualifying service dogs during the month of May. Registration is open from April 1 through April 30 at www.acvoeyeexam.org. 'Like' their Facebook page at 'ACVO National Service Animal Eye Exam Event' to receive updated announcements.

Please spread the word to others with a service dog.

Canine Development Center Update

Work continues on phase two of the Canine Center, and though there is still a long way to go, the south wing is really starting to shape up. Floors and walls are being built in the new villages, dog runs, play areas and housing areas are being constructed and ceiling installation will be next.

A delivery of additional housing suites is scheduled for the end of March. At that time we will construct temporary housing for the dogs in training in the large bus garage and begin phase three of the project, renovation of the east wing.

On the campaign front, we are pressing forward to reach our goal of $14.5 million with just under $500,000 left to raise. Our goal is to conclude the campaign by June 30. We continue to fundraise with foundations, corporations, Lions Clubs and individual donors.

Leader Dog will be hosting a series of Open Houses in September and October of 2016 so our constituents can experience the new Canine Center. The June/July issue of Harness & Leash, and Update, will have more information.

To learn more about the Canine Development Center, visit our website at www.leaderdog.org/canine-center. You can even create your own myLeaderDog personal fundraising page to share with your friends and support the Canine Center.

Microsoft and ACB Partner to Advance Accessibility

In December, Microsoft and the American Council of the Blind (ACB) announced they will partner on efforts to advance the accessibility of information technologies. Through the partnership, the ACB and Microsoft will work together to enable planned updates to various Microsoft products to better meet the needs of persons with visual impairments.

To read the entire press release, visit: http://www.acb.org/microsoft-accessibility

Circle of Life

Births

Hazel (hosted by Susan Hackman) x Rocket (hosted by Laura Deutsch) - 7 German shepherds

Libby (hosted by Kristina McCliment) x Blitz (hosted by Colleen Richards) - 6 Labradors

Scarlet (hosted by Cathy Topping) x Shaq (hosted by Anne Mitchell) - 4 Labradors

Millie (hosted by Amy Smyth) x Gundy (hosted by Marianne Fish) - 4 Labradors

Brooklyn (hosted by Michael Rager) x Alphie (hosted by Geri Dunn) - 10 goldens

Josie (hosted by Bethany Spencer) x Huron (hosted by Robert Young) - 6 Labradors

Ivy (hosted by Donna Meyer) x Shadow (hosted by Faye Arndt) - 1 Labrador Retriever

Krista (hosted by Jeff DeHerder) x Harley (hosted by Mike Madaus) - 9 goldens

Bailey (hosted by Cheryl Caldwell) x Emmett (hosted by Jennifer Ladd) - 7 German shepherds

Perrie (hosted by Rebecca Cobb) x Kasey (hosted by Paul Colombo) - 10 goldens

Frankie (hosted by Nan Nellenbach) x Gundy (hosted by Marianne Fish) - 9 Labradors

Torii (hosted by Susan Smith) x Rodeo (hosted by Mary Ann Grutza) - 4 Labradors

Kizzy (hosted by Carol Kirkbride) x Utah - 8 Labradors

Tag (hosted by Amy Zauel) x Shaq (hosted by Anne Mitchell) - 4 Labradors

Tess (hosted by Elizabeth Barr) x Huron (hosted by Robert Young) - 9 Labradors

Macy (hosted by Pamela Odom) x Buddy (hosted by Brad Mackler) - 7 lab/goldens

Chanel (hosted by Ann Bonds) x Tom (hosted by Wendy Miechiels) - 5 Labradors

Bee (hosted by Nathaniel Brock) x Blitz (hosted by Colleen Richards) - 9 Labradors

Riley (hosted by Nancy White) x Sergeant (hosted by Amy Schuster) - 9 Labradors

Bear (hosted by Shannan McNair) x Huron (hosted by Robert Young) - 2 Labradors

Pandora (hosted by Candace Goemmel) x Ryder (hosted by Robin Biebuyck) - 7 Labradors

Breeding Stock Retired

Brandi – Eileen Delaney

Clover – Kelly Klatt

Den – Dawn Gaden

Edie – Jill Woods

Giselle – Kay Shorkey

Glory – Betsy and Bruce Hundley

Gracie – Sue Deal

Holly – Carol Beavnier

Leeloo – Eileen Delaney

Lucy – Dotty Hall

Maizy – Gina Watkins

Nanny – Lynda Elsas

Sandi – Lesa Mignot

Willow – Cathie Tulikangas

Breeding Stock Deceased

Ruth – Eydie Yemmans

Leader Dogs Retired

Abbott – Cecelia Jedlicka

Albia – Jose Valenzuela Gonzalez

Angel – Deborah Barrowcliff

Blossom – Janet Houseman

Bob - David Wilson

Bobbi – Nancy Lepkowski

Brady – Juan Navarro Calero

Brooke – Anna Coma Reche

Capri – Noelia Torres de Manzana

Cricket – Paula Mills

Duko – Karen Hughes

Emma – James Spears

Ethel – Tova Hyatt

Gambler – Wayne Helms

Gracey – William Kallao

Gus – Wei-Yu Lee

Irie – Heather Berg

Ischgl – M. Elaine Mueller

Jiffy – Catalina Acevedo

Journey – Wen-Shen Chiu

June – Sindy Puckett

Katie – Julia Dennis

Keenan – Maria del Carmen Gomez

Kip – Thomas Denman

Landry – Clara French

Leni – Adam Gottsch

Lindsey – Valerie Caskey

Louie – Chih-Yuan Huang

Maggie – Shirley Bowden

Malin – Mary Godwin

Marley – Tracey Gilbert

Mason – Samantha Campbell

Meryt – Uri Cohen

Noel – Lisa Yates

Penny – Denise Thompson

Quinn – Randy Zarza

Ranger – Sean Tomello

Sawyer – Chad Foster

Schroeder – Jeri Hutchinson

Shadow – Albert Scherff

Sophie – Laurie Scott

Toni – Connie Arrowsmith

Topper – Michael Winstead-Nash

Ziggy – Paul Simonson

Zita – Daisy Soto

Zeus – Rondal Love

Leader Dogs Deceased

Abby – Kenneth Sting

Albert – Kinny Colby

Calvin – Mark Stafford

Cheyenne – Gabriel Salinas Alvarez

Chloe – David Walle

Derby – Gordan Besaw

Diamond – Maria Garcia Sanchez

Duke – Roger James

Ernie – Lisa Weber

Giggles – Adriana Masis Ocampo

Gracie – John Garilli

Hawkeye – Richard Carlson

Hooper – Jesus Lopez Raso

Jo – Elke Wagner

K.C. – Harry Alore

Katy – Donna Clemens

Leven – James Stewart

Lodi – Ronald Greene

Maggie – Yolanda Asenjo Garcia

Maximo – Diane Bergeron

Megan – John Ruede

Myrtle – Vanessa Miller

Potus – Cathy Williams

Rosie – Sherri Allan

Saga – Kenneth Nead

Shadow – Paul Dale

Sirius – Gertrude Kolodzieski

Ski-Los – Bernal Gamboa Mora

Sunka – Peter Crumley

Tabitha – Anne Drake

Teddy – Raymond Morris

Timex – Margareta Fultz

Titan – Crystal Gorton

Tonka – Patricia Ellis

Classes (note: GDMI is Guide Dog Mobility Instructor)

Class 16-03

GDMI Jill Vani; Burrell Kolonich and Baxter, lab/golden retriever (puppy raiser: Emily Wallace); Paola Gallegos and Stella, black lab (puppy raiser: Laura Genise); Michael O'Dette and Andie, golden retriever (puppy raiser: Chippewa Correctional Facility)

GDMI Carrie Pryce; Luis Lira Lopez and Dominique, black lab (puppy raiser: James Schultz); Noelia Torres de Manzano and Sophia, black lab (puppy raiser: Gary Winnett); Laida Alvarado Juarez and Gigi, black lab (puppy raiser: Cathleen Gilleran); Mario Mendez Reyes and Astro, black lab (puppy raiser: Matthew Ashby)

GDMI Denise Atler; Dwayne Rudd and Olive, lab/golden retriever (puppy raiser: Rosemary Edds); Daniel Lynam and Daisy, golden retriever (puppy raiser: Donna Barnett); Jeff Slade and Hawk Eye (was Swanee), black lab (puppy raiser: Jeremy Mask)

GDMI Randy Horn; James Janisch and Harwell, yellow lab (puppy raiser: Laura Fisher); Lois Fisher and Dinah, black lab (puppy raiser: Jennifer Ulm); Linda McLane and Apollo, golden retriever (puppy raiser: G. Robert Cotton Correctional Facility); Betty Maass and Maggie, yellow lab (puppy raiser: Elena Boxey)

Apprentice GDMI Tina Goedetier; Diane Brown and Charlie, black lab (puppy raiser: Michael Runyan); Barbara Gessler and Tessa, black lab (puppy raisers: Brian and Darlene Conroy); Kenneth Borchardt and Winston, black lab (puppy raiser: James Merical); Emily Wolfe and Kedzie, black lab (puppy raiser: Kathleen Pizzolato)

Home Deliveries: Michael Brown and Farley, yellow lab (puppy raiser: Baraga Correctional Facility); Stacey Miller and Dixie, yellow lab (puppy raiser: Mary Spaulding)

Class 16-04

Apprentice GDMI Lauren Brady; Norman Greene and Darcy, yellow lab (puppy raiser: Lucy Goeke); John McDonald and Dempsey, lab/golden retriever (puppy raisers: Jane and Paul Catlin); Theresa Treadway and Skipper, golden retriever (puppy raiser: Melinda Ogburn); Pauline Ulrey and Satch, yellow lab (puppy raiser: Alaina Rudin)

GDMI Catherine Martin; Karen Moses and Kelly, black lab (puppy raisers: Judy and Keith Thess); Gary Hart and Teddy, black lab (puppy raiser: Lori Althouse); Paula Mills and JuJu, black lab (puppy raiser: Patrick McAmis)

GDMI Debbie Komondy; Ana Pena Avila and Sparkle, black lab (puppy raiser: Richard Kennedy); Antonio Castellanos Montalvo

and Seeley, lab/golden retriever (puppy raisers: Shelley Strobel-Erhardt and Ed Erhardt); Primitivo Vidal Franco and Phoenix, black lab (puppy raisers: Tina and Sarah Wozniak)

Home Deliveries: Sean Tomello and Rookie, golden retriever (puppy raisers: Pam and Gary Pastiva); Amy Rhoads and Cammi, black lab (puppy raiser: Fort Dodge Correctional Facility); Jana Ayers and Luna, black lab (puppy raiser: Trae Nelson)

Class 16-05

GDMI Dave Meyer; Daniel Wolak and Henry, lab/golden retriever (puppy raiser: Patti Brehler); Deborah Barrowcliff and Ivy Green, lab/golden retriever (puppy raiser: Sandy Griffin); Roger Rowe and Maverick, black lab (puppy raiser: Noel Houghton); Alan Schroeder and Kali, yellow lab (puppy raiser: Gay Gloss)

GDMI Katie Wattles; Kevin Turnbaugh and Harpo, lab/golden retriever (puppy raiser: Laura Fisher); Mark Gooden and Ralphie, golden retriever (puppy raiser: Jennifer Tancraitor); James McGuire and Otto, black lab (puppy raiser: Minnesota Correctional Facility – Lino Lakes)

Home Deliveries: Kenny VanDerbur and Dylan, golden retriever (puppy raiser: Fort Dodge Correctional Facility); Traci Jones and Jessie, black lab (puppy raiser: Pam Stamm); Alden Kirschner and Bennett, lab/golden retriever (puppy raiser: Travis Fagen); Bryan

Grubb and Dozer, black lab (puppy raiser: Matthew Walls); Clara French and Lily, lab/golden retriever (puppy raiser: Rebecca Budd); Frank Coon and Rockie, lab/golden retriever (puppy raiser: Fort Dodge Correctional Facility); Irene Dionne and Cali, black lab (puppy raiser: Sue Novak); Jerry Manter and Titus, yellow lab (puppy raiser: Fort Dodge Correctional Facility)

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