



Rescuing Dogs To Free People



You Make it Pawsible

FSD's Volunteer Newsletter

Hello Mel, welcome to a New Year at Freedom Service Dogs.

We are happy to welcome you to a new year and a new way to keep in touch with all our exceptionally talented volunteers. Starting in January, we will send monthly updates via email to keep you in the loop on all that's happening here. Look for monthly issues of ***You Make it Pawsible*** in your email box. Thanks for being the heart, soul, arms, legs, brains and brawn of FSD!



Meet Linus
Service Dog-in-Training



Hi! We're Judd and Barney.
Come play with us!

The Dogs Need You

We have many, many volunteer opportunities here at FSD and we'd like to take this opportunity to remind you of the tons of things we need help with:

Care & Lovin' – Come help us by grooming, bathing, walking, playing, cleaning.

Dog Weekender – Invite a weekend guest dog and have a fun-filled two days.

Almost Home – Provide a foster home for one of our talented trainees.

Assistant Teaching – Our expert trainers need your help! You can help a trainer train.

File, File, File – Help us out in the office, with the Web site, at events, public speaking and other special projects.

Remember, we want and need your help. We just need to know when you'll be here and what you'd like to do. Please contact us 24 hours in advance to schedule your volunteer time. **A 24-hour notice is required.** We want to make the most of your time and if we don't know you're coming we may not know the best way to put you to work! Call 303.922.6231 to schedule your volunteer time.

Let Me Count the Ways

Your volunteer hours mean so very much to Freedom Service Dogs. Your dedication to the dogs and the organization allow us to continue our mission of rescuing dogs to save people.

What you may not know is that your hours of work also help us obtain funding. That's right, the hours you spend cleaning dog beds or mopping the training room floor translate into grants for us. How? Funders, both individuals and private foundations, like to see community involvement in an organization.

Volunteers and the number of hours they donate are the clearest indicator of community involvement and support of an organization. So, make your hours count twice, and don't forget to record them in the white binder (upstairs at the front desk or downstairs by the gate)!



Meet Rushmore
Recently placed with his client Jason.



Samantha Greeb
One of our extraordinary volunteers!

Best In Show FSD's Volunteer Spotlight

After watching a service dog pick up a dime, Samantha Greeb was sold. She wanted to work with the organization that could make that happen. Ever since, Sam has dedicated herself to volunteering for FSD. So much so that her own personal voicemail says, "Hi, it's Sam. I'm either in class or training a service dog."

And that's no exaggeration. When's she not attending classes at Bel Rea to become a vet tech, she's at FSD doing whatever she can to help out--from cleaning cages to giving baths to organizing play groups.

Her favorite part of volunteering? Taking dogs home for nights and weekends. She loves that she can take the dogs into a home environment and spend time with them outside of the facility. Even her mom admits that their house is "pretty lonely" on the rare occasions that she doesn't bring home a dog.

Sam is constantly impressed by FSD. She loves that these dogs are rescued from shelters and thinks it's amazing to see the transformation that their clients go through once receiving a dog. Sam encourages anyone who loves dogs to get involved at FSD. Although it's sometimes challenging and requires a lot of patience, she wouldn't have it any other way.

FSD is thankful for Sam and all the volunteers who make a difference each day. Thanks Sam!

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