



Rescuing Dogs To Free People



## Welcome to Paws Press FSD's Email Bulletin

Dear ,

We're excited for springtime at FSD...the dogs love the longer days - more time to work and play! This spring, we have a record-number of new recruits at our facility and many of them are in need of basic medical care. In this issue of *Paws Press*, we will introduce you to some FSD dogs who need your help. These are just two of our talented recruits who are in need of veterinary care. All the dogs who enter the FSD program get the best care and maintenance from veterinary professionals. Even though we recruit the best and brightest from shelters, we still need to make sure they're in tip-top shape before they begin training. Please consider a springtime donation for all our new dogs who need medical care.



Meet Boogie...she's a new recruit & happy to be at FSD!



Meet Cherry, an 18-month-old black Lab mix.

### Meet Cherry and her Cherry Eyes :(

Cherry is the perfect candidate for service dog training. But, she has to get her eyes fixed first! Cherry came to FSD from Table Mountain Animal Center where she was left as a stray. Cherry eye is a common eye condition in dogs and requires surgery to reposition the glands. She needs the surgery to fix her eyes, but has to get over her kennel cough and 104 degree temperature first. She needs tender loving care to get well before surgery.

According to the FSD training staff, she's the perfect service dog candidate...she has a calm temperment, she is social, she aims to please and she loves to snuggle (unless you try to touch her eyes!). Please help us help Cherry.

### Ping in a Sling

Ping is one of FSD's rising stars. He's an excellent service dog-in-training, but got a little too joyful in the play yard one day and dislocated his shoulder. He's in a sling to help him immobilize the shoulder and needs a foster home to see him through the healing process. After he heals, he'll need physical

therapy to start building the muscles back up in his shoulder and leg so it won't dislocate again.

You can help get Ping out of his sling. If you can offer a calm foster home for two weeks with no other dogs or pets to distract him, we can get him on the road to recovery. He just needs a nice calm place where he can recuperate while still being spoiled and loved.

If Ping can recuperate and start physical therapy, then he can avoid surgery. We need your help. If you can provide a calm, quiet environment for Ping we'd love to hear from you. Please help Ping get out of his sling (and in case you're wondering, his name was Ping BEFORE he ended up in a sling!).



Meet Ping, he's a cuddle bug who needs a foster home.



## 2009 Denver Walk MS

Freedom Service Dogs is pleased to announce a newly formed partnership with the Denver Walk MS. Many FSD clients have MS and need assistance from both the National MS Society and Freedom Service Dogs.

Please join us at Denver's City Park on Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. We will have a presence on Sponsor Row from 7:00 A.M. – 11:30 A.M. Participation and Volunteer information can be found at <http://www.walkmscolorado.org/>.

## Best In Show *FSD's Volunteer Spotlight*

Rachel is a 28-year-old woman with Down syndrome who is devoted to the dogs! Since September, 2007, Rachel has been coming to the Freedom Service Dogs facility to brush, pet and love the dogs. Every Tuesday and Thursday you can find Rachel in the main training area where she spends two hours providing a dog with love, affection and a warm heart.

"I love the dogs," Rachel explains, "They make me happy and calm me down. The dogs make me feel safe." Her favorites are all the yellow Labradors including Daisy. On a recent visit she befriended Pekoe who appreciated the thorough brushing.

Rachel's love and devotion is endless. Patti Yoensky, FSD director of dog operations marvels at Rachel and how she manages to be here without fail. "She even got stuck here one afternoon during a snowstorm. She made it when RTD couldn't! She is amazing....she makes



Rachel brushing Pekoe

the dogs happy and calms them down, and they do the same for her." She also makes the training staff feel special because she gives everyone a big hug before she leaves. "It's beautiful," said FSD Trainer, Bri Bove.

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