

HOPE SERVICE DOGS, INC

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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LUCAS WARFEL**

& OUR PUPPY CUDDLERS

COMPANY PROFILE



Hope Service Dogs, Inc., 501(c)3 nonprofit (HSD), was established in 2018 on the foundation of providing service, therapy, and companion dogs bred, raised, and trained precisely for mitigating the unique needs of individuals with disabilities.

HSD programs include the breeding program, the Hope Service Dogs Warrior Program, and the Hope for the Future scholarship.

HSD uses various methods to ensure that the dogs and puppies in the breeding program are of the highest standards. From birth, HSD puppies are evaluated in order to determine which puppies should be considered for various occupations, including which puppy will enter the breeding program and which will enter the HSD Warrior Program. Assessments and early stimulation work also help to determine the best career path for the puppies. The HSD Warrior Program pairs puppies with veterans and service members in need of a service dog. Veterans are matched with puppies and training is provided to both the dog and veteran.

HSD also utilizes the Hope for the Future scholarship to provide online and in-person training to individuals with service dog training needs.

HSD was founded by Victoria Warfel, whose accolades include but are not exclusive to:

- Certified NePoPo® Gold Premium Instructor
- NePoPo® Electronic Collar Training Certification & License
- NePoPo® Gold Premium Graduate (one of 10 graduates)
- NePoPo® Silver School Graduate (attended 4 times)
- NePoPo® Gold School Graduate (attended 5 times)
- Certified Dog Trainer (IACP-CDT)
- Certified Dog Trainer-Advanced (IACP-CDTA)
- Professional Dog Training Instructor (IACP-PDTI)
- Professional Member of the International Association of Canine Professionals (IACP)
- Speaker on Holistic Training at the 2017 International Association of Canine Professionals annual conference in St. Louis, Missouri
- Perception Modification 1 Certified in the Syn Alia Training System
- The first Certified Trick Dog Instructor (CTDI) in the southeastern United States
- Has earned the Trainer of the Year award
- AKC-Approved Canine Good Citizen Evaluator, Community Canine Evaluator, Urban Canine Good Citizen, S.T.A.R. Puppy Instructor & Evaluator thru the American Kennel Club
- AKC-Approved Farm Dog Certified Judge
- AKC-Approved Temperament Test (ATT) Evaluator
- Certified Canine Kinesiology Tape Practitioner
- Canine First Aid/CPR certified thru American Red Cross

PUPPY STATISTICS

55

TOTAL PUPPIES

Bred & Born in 2020-2021

7

TOTAL LITTERS

Whelped in 2020-2021

8

SERVICE PUPPIES

Born in 2020

33

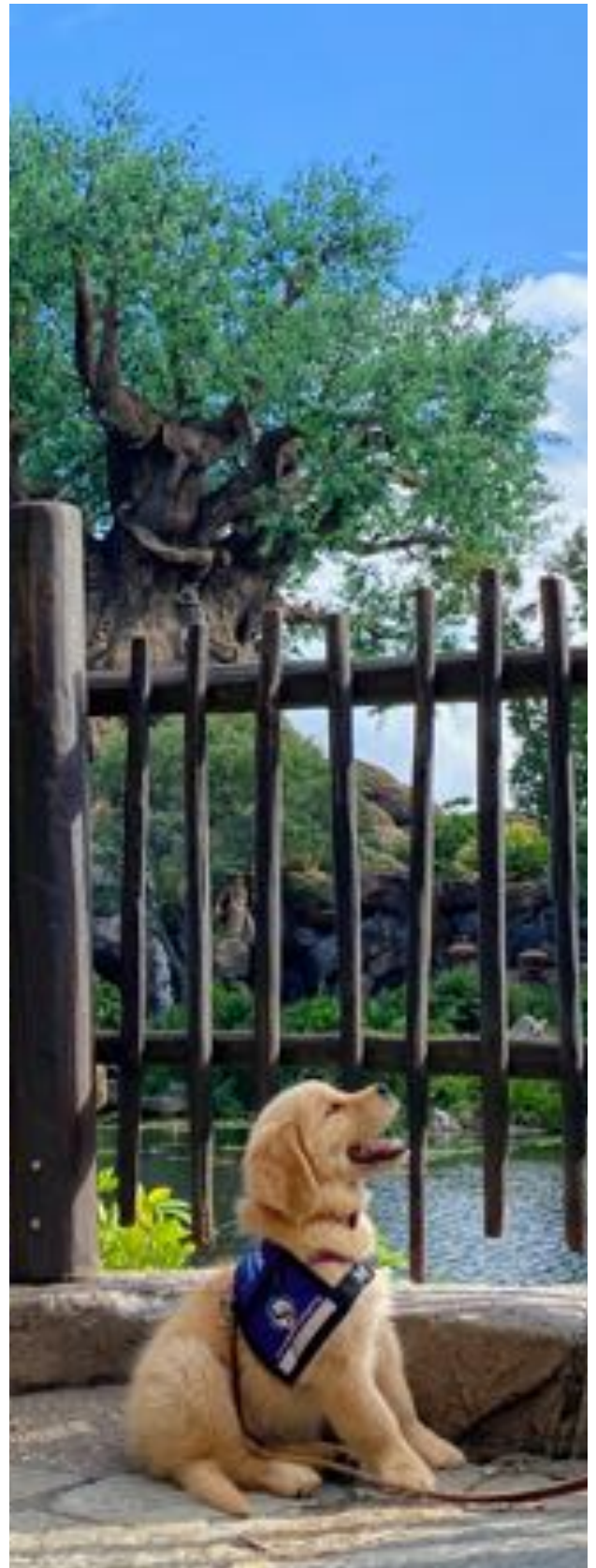
SERVICE PUPPIES

Born in 2021

80%

WORKING PUPPIES

Percentage of pups placed as
Service and Therapy Dog Prospects



FUNDRAISING FOR HSD 2021

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Posh Fundraiser
by Bailey Corley
April 5 2021
\$435

Paparazzi Jewelry Fundraiser
by Kristina Adams
July 2 2021
\$40.25

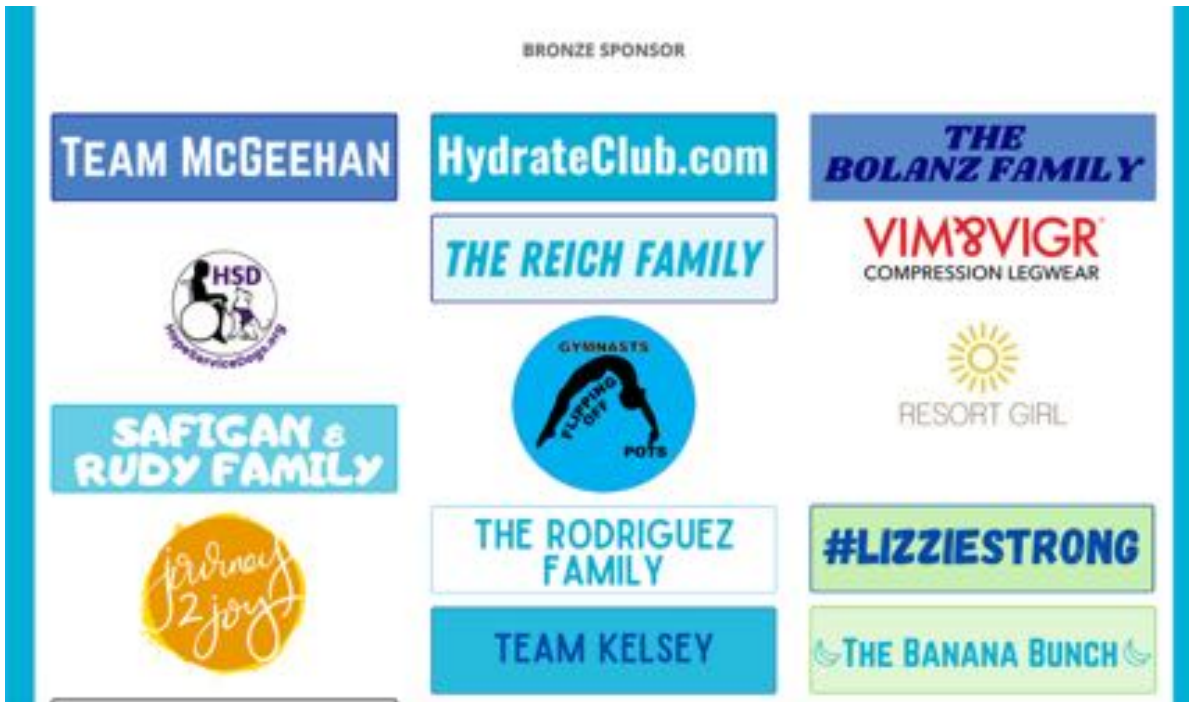
Custom Ink T-shirts
\$86.61

Facebook
\$9042.40
from December 26 2019
to December 22 2021

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HOPE FOR THE FUTURE
SCHOLARSHIPS PROVIDED

SPONSORSHIPS BY HSD 2021



Dysautonomia International
Going The Distance
For POTS
Annual Fundraiser

Golden Retriever
Club of America
2021 National Specialty
Specialty Ad Book

Hope Service Dogs, Inc
Changing lives & providing HOPE for tomorrow!



Hope Service Dogs, Inc is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that breeds, raises & trains dogs to assist people with disabilities.

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GRANTS REQUESTED 2021

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**DAV CHARITABLE TRUST
MERCK ANIMAL HEALTH
KOHL'S CARES
THE ALBERTSONS CO FOUNDATIONS
1FUR1
GAMMAGIVES
KROGER GIVE BACK**

WHY DOES HSD EXCEL?

HSD strives to produce the highest caliber service dog. This includes strict and extensive health and genetic testing in order to assure puppies are healthy and well prepared for their future. The emphasis and goal of our breeding program is top quality dogs of excellent health, temperament, and trainability.

HSD puppies are provided with the best possible experiences from birth. HSD puppies are welcomed into the world with love and raised with extensive socialization, habituation, and training, including:

- **Early Neurological Stimulation** introduces mild, controlled stressors to very young puppies. This stimulates the neurologic system, leading to improved growth and development of the pup's immune system, cardiovascular system, and stress tolerance.
- **Early Scent Introduction** improves adult scenting ability (a key component for service dogs).
- **Extensive Socialization & Habituation** begins socialization immediately for the puppies whom are impressionable, eager, and ready to learn.
- **Environmental Exposure** socialization and exposure to different environments builds the foundation of a self-assured and confident dog.
- **Avidog & Puppy Culture** includes early neurological stimulation, emotional resiliency exercises, safe early socialization, the enrichment effect, development and fear periods, puppy parties, puzzles, games, and problem solving, anti-aggression protocols, potty-training, crate training, socialization sessions, vaccination vs socialization, problem prevention for resource guarding, separation anxiety, biting, and jumping.
- **NePoPo®** sets puppies up for success with this unique double reinforcement training system, utilizing Operant and Classical Conditioning.
- **Crate training** a puppy needs a crate they love. Not only does it make house training easier and keep your puppy safe, but it is a necessity in the event of an emergency, groomer visit, evacuation, etc.
- **Clicker training** begins early so the transition to continued training can easily begin immediately.
- **Potty training** the litters begins as soon as possible, using potty pads and pellet trays, along with taking the puppies outside frequently, creates the foundation of house training.
- **Ongoing Temperament testing & evaluations** are performed on the puppies from birth.

All of the dogs in HSD's breeding program are health tested at levels above and beyond the recommendations of the associated breed club.

Our Golden Retrievers are certified free of hip dysplasia and elbow dysplasia by the OFA (Orthopedic Foundation for Animals) or PennHIP. They have their eyes certified by licensed canine ophthalmologists. They have their heart clearances for any signs of heart problems by licensed canine cardiologists.

We go farther than what the breed club recommends, including genetic screenings of the parents, looking for over 175 genetic mutations associated with disease.



HSD: MISSION, GOALS & OBJECTIVES

Our Mission for Hope is to provide owners with disabilities a purpose-bred service dog, along with professional training and support in all aspects of training. HSD strives to provide sustained outreach and community services, such as support, information, and guidance regarding the rights and benefits of service dogs to the service dog community. Providing education to the public, businesses, and the disabled community can help to encourage positive experiences for individuals with service dogs. The programs of HSD aim to provide this need. HSD programs include the Breeding Program, the Warrior Program, and the Hope for the Future Scholarship opportunities. HSD will provide and sustain professionally trained Service Dogs and companion dogs.

The HSD Breeding Program's goal is to breed a healthier dogs. Acceptable females from every litter will be evaluated through training and testing to determine their suitability to continue in the Breeding Program. Once the tests are performed, the dogs continue training and are evaluated at two years of age. This final testing determines which dogs will continue on to the Breeding Program and which will go to the Warrior Program. The goals of the breeding program include determining potential studs, obtaining 100% registration with AKC as a Breeder of Merit, registration of AKC kennel name, and remain members of the Golden Retriever Club of America (GRCA), the Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club (MFGRC), BRED with Heart as HSD, and remain a GoodDog Excellent breeder.

The goals of the HSD Warrior Program include providing a veteran in need with a service dog to navigate their disabilities. HSD is focused on the following objectives for the Warrior Program: upon funding, puppies will enter the Warrior Program. HSD will join the Association of Service Dog Providers for Military Veterans and attend the ASDPMV annual conference. Fundraisers will be held to raise funds for the Warrior Program. HSD will set up training and assistance for veterans to assist in training their service dogs.

HSD strives to provide support, education, information, and guidance to community. HSD will build community support and awareness by providing education to the community via area business visits, as well as their affiliation with the Sumter County Chamber of Commerce. HSD will also utilize social media as an informational and educational tool

HSD wants to provide the best training. Therefore we aim to help our trainers to be their best. Trainers for HSD are provided membership dues, conference opportunities, entrance to local parks such as Disney, Universal and SeaWorld in order to acclimate and train service dogs. HSD is affiliated with/supports the following organizations:

- o American Kennel Club (AKC)
- o Association of Professional Dog Trainers (APDT)
- o Dysautonomia International (DI)
- o Golden Retriever Club of America (GRCA)
- o International Association of Canine Professionals (IACP)
- o Mid Florida Golden Retriever Club (MFGRC)
- o Association of Service Dog Providers for Military Veterans (ASDPMV)

Other objectives for 2022:

- Resolve inhouse debts.
- Fill all committee chair positions.
- Continue development and analysis of HSD programs.



PUPPY PROGRAM

Hope Service Dogs aims to set all puppies and their future companions up for success. One of the options offered is the Puppy Program. When the puppy reaches eight weeks old, they are eligible to go to their forever home immediately. Some owners elect to let the professional service dog trainers at HSD start the training foundation for their puppy. When training a puppy to become a future service dog, professional and personal training is essential.

During Puppy Program, operant conditioning is used to introduce behaviors and create a confident, thinking dog with the ability to problem solve. Puppies continue with potty and crate training, habituation and socialization, and exposure to a multitude of environments. The puppies continue with routine veterinary care and are provided grooming exposure.

Puppy Program provides hands on training such as introduction to play as reward and the foundation for retrieve, along with clicker training and charging the clicker with dynamite, box work, treat and train with target, proprioception, name acquisition, commands (touch, look, auto-focus, come, place, heel, leash and handler work, and much more!

During the longer Puppy Program, puppies are introduced to public access training, service dog skills and tasks, advanced and off-leash training. As all puppies have different training goals, the Puppy Program and Board & Train prices vary for each pup.

2021 HSD Puppy Programs and Board & Train by litter

HSD Frozen

2 Board & Train - \$4,300

HSD Beauty and the Beast

1 Puppy Program, 1 Board & Train - \$10,625

Posh Litter

3 Puppy Program - \$23,050

Sith Litter

1 Board & Train - \$13,500

Mermaid Litter

4 Puppy Program - \$45,800

Fantasia Litter

3 Puppy Program and Board & Train - \$25,100

Imagination Litter

4 Puppy Program and Board & Train - \$56,400

Puppy Program Board & Train total for 2021: \$178,775



THE POSH LITTER

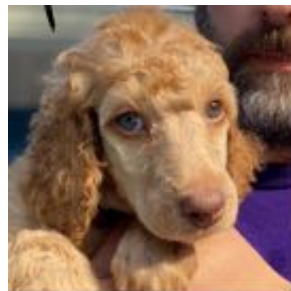
ROMA X GEORGE



Roma and George produced HSD Posh Litter. Roma's fantastic PennHip score and George's Excellent OFA rating, along with their clear genetics made these standard poodles the perfect pairing.

The HSD Posh Litter made their way into the world on April 2, 2021. Surrounded by caregivers to ensure her success, Roma whelped seven puppies, two females and five males.

All seven puppies from this litter went into service dog training.



ROMA

**DREAMDOGZ ROMANI FORTUNE
TELLER CGCA CGCU TKN
SERVICE DOG**



DOB Mar 23 2018
Registration #PR20715308
Sire: Mi Chesapeake On High Tide
Reg #PR19877303
Dam: Mi Layla Rose
Reg #PR19398303

Hip clearance: PennHip .27L/.31R
Hip clearance: OFA Good
Elbow clearance: OFA Normal
Eye clearance: OFA Normal
Heart clearance: OFA Normal
CHIC Number: 159867

DNA report: normal (Embark/Paw Print Genetics)
Degenerative Myelopathy DM: clear (Embark)
GM2 Gangliosidosis (Poodle Type): clear (Embark)
Neonatal Encephalopathy with Seizures: clear (Embark)
Osteochondrodysplasia: clear (Embark)
Progressive Retinal Atrophy, Progressive Rod-Cone
Degeneration: clear (Embark)
Von Willebrand Disease I: clear (Embark)

GEORGE

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**UKC CH WALNUT VALLEY'S
GEORGE OF THE JUNGLE**



DOB August 18 2015
Registration #PR18696101
Sire: Sir Reginald Knight Of Smiles
Reg #PR15780006
Dam: Miss Daisy Magoo Watson
Reg #PR14483502

Hip clearance: OFA Excellent
Eye clearance: OFA Normal
Heart clearance: OFA Normal
CHIC Number: 124002

DNA report: normal (Paw Print Genetics)
Degenerative Myelopathy DM: clear (Paw Print Genetics)
GM2 Gangliosidosis (Poodle Type): clear (Paw Print
Genetics)
Neonatal Encephalopathy with Seizures: clear (Paw Print
Genetics)
Osteochondrodysplasia: clear (Paw Print Genetics)
Progressive Retinal Atrophy, Progressive Rod-Cone
Degeneration: clear (Paw Print Genetics)
Von Willebrand Disease I: clear (Paw Print Genetics)

THE SITH LITTER

CANDY X SHAKHI



When Candy was health tested for her role as a Service Dog, and passed every test, we knew we had to breed her.

The Sith Litter arrived on April 9, 2021. Candy successfully whelped 8 puppies; 4 each males and females.

4 puppies are becoming service dogs
4 puppies are companion dogs



"The Sith Empire will burn brightly, like a supernova, dwarfing the complacent Republic."

- Naga Sadow



CANDY

**JCH CANDY DI MAMBA
MAGNIFICO CGCA CGCU TKN
SERVICE DOG**



DOB Nov 27 2016
From Unreachables Kennel in Cacak, Serbia
Registration #WS59109902, MNE 1043/16 DOB
Sire: Multi Ch Tahi-Reme Max
Reg #JR 705798 DOB
Dam: Malaga Mamba Di Perlanera
Reg #MNE 100/13 DOB, KSCG 1001/13

Hip clearance: OFA Good
Eye clearance: OFA Normal
Heart clearance (Echo & holter monitor): OFA Normal
Thyroid clearance: OFA Normal

DNA report: normal (Embark)
Degenerative Myelopathy DM: clear (Embark)
Dilated Cardiomyopathy DCM1: clear (Embark)
Dilated Cardiomyopathy DCM2: clear (Embark)
Von Willebrand Disease: clear (Embark)
Deafness & Vestibular Syndrome: clear (Embark)

SHAKHI

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**SHAKHI MATT UKR-BAKKARA
CGC TKN FDC ICN1 DPUK-BEFL1
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DOB Mar 18 2018
From Aqvilon Kennel in Ukraine
Registration #WS64414101
Sire: Fokus-Pokus Ukr-Bakkara
Reg #UKU0083510
Dam: Aqvilon Irlandia
Reg #UKU0271097

Hip clearance: OFA Good
Eye clearance: OFA Normal
Heart clearance (Echo & holter monitor): OFA Normal
Thyroid clearance: OFA Normal
Liver: OFA Normal
Kidney: OFA Normal

Dilated Cardiomyopathy DCM1: clear (Embark)
Dilated Cardiomyopathy DCM2: clear (Embark)
Von Willebrand Disease: clear (Gensol, 2019)
Deafness & Vestibular Syndrome: clear (Embark)
Troponin I: normal
N-terminal pro-brain natriuretic peptide: normal

THE MERMAID LITTER

GINGER X STONE



HSD welcomed The Mermaid Litter to the world on September 13, 2021. Ginger successfully whelped 8 puppies; 4 each males and females.

7 puppies are going through service dog training
1 puppy is a companion dog.



The Mermaid Litter cost just under \$20,000 from birth to 8 weeks old.

These costs included:

Caretaker: \$8,000 Puppies are surrounded by caretakers, with constant care.

Conception: \$2,176.48 This litter was conceived via artificial insemination.

Food: \$962.64 High quality food, which supplies nutritional needs.

Sensory Items: \$330.21 At 3 days old, puppies begin neurological stimulation.

Supplements: \$524.37 All necessary supplements are provided.

Supplies: \$1,038.06 The puppy area is kept clean and sanitary.

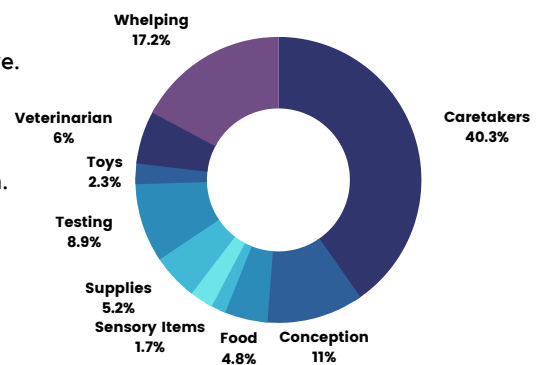
Testing: \$1,772 For a healthy litter.

Veterinary Expenses: \$1,183.69 Appointments from heat until after delivery.

Whelping: \$3,417.53 Puppies have a team of educated whelping individuals

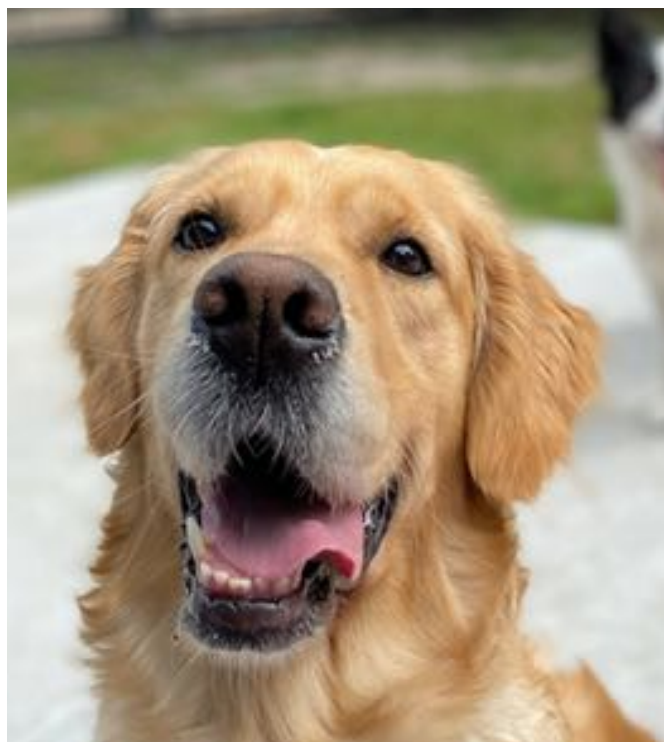
and assistants and are provided a clean, comfortable birthing environment.

The mother is cared for to ensure a safe and comfortable birth.



GINGER

TRAMIN ETHNIC STYLE CGC TKN



DOB April 12 2017

From Tramin Kennels in Odessa, Ukraine

Registration AKC #SS13666101

Sire: Belgian Champion Meiepere Quite A Delight

Reg #EST0423114

Dam: C.I.B. Tramin Grenada

Reg #UKU0063191

Hip clearance: PennHip .38L/.31R

top 13% of all Golden Retrievers tested

Hip clearance: OFA Good

Elbow clearance: OFA Normal

Eye clearance: OFA Normal

Heart clearance: OFA Normal

CHIC Number: 157240

DNA report: Embark

prcd-PRA status: clear (Embark)

PRA1 status: clear (Embark)

PRA2 status: clear (Embark)

Ichthyosis status: carrier (Embark)

DM status: clear (Embark)

NCL status: clear (Embark)

STONE

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AM GCHB/INT CH/NAT CH NOCATEE WONDERLANDS STONE IN LOVE BISS



DOB September 3 2013

Registration #SR80645802

Sire: Am CH/ Col CH&GCH/ Arg CH&GCH. Ag-Golden

Age Diamond Intican OS SDHF (#1 Golden in 2006)

Reg #SR23566501

Dam: CH De La Vega Love Story

Reg #SR63119201

Hip clearance: OFA Good

Eyes clearance: OFA Normal

Heart clearance: OFA Normal

Elbow clearance: OFA Normal

CHIC Number: 108502

prcd-PRA status: clear (Paw Print)

PRA1 status: clear (Paw Print)

PRA2 status: clear (Paw Print)

Ichthyosis status: clear (Paw Print)

DM status: clear (Paw Print)

NCL status: clear (Paw Print)

THE FANTASIA LITTER

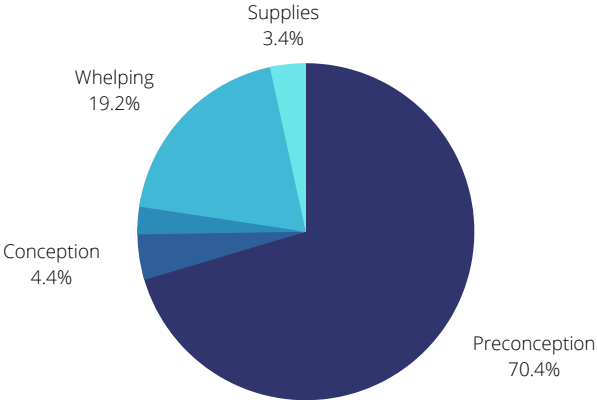
LETA X KALE

HSD welcomed The Fantasia Litter to the world on November 24, 2021. Leta successfully whelped 7 puppies; 2 males and 5 females.



6 puppies will go through servicedog training
1 puppy will be a companion dog

The cost of The Fantasia Litter to birth was \$38,850.77. These costs included the cost of the mother dog, as well as her health and genetic testing. Preconception Costs: \$22,500.50 (Includes purchase of mother and testing) Conception: \$2,405.89 This litter was conceived via artificial insemination. Food and Supplements: \$1,455.41 High quality food and supplements, supplying all nutritional needs. Veterinary Care and Whelping: \$10,598.02 HSD puppies have an educated and prepared whelping team as well as a professional litter attendant from birth to eight weeks old. Supplies: \$1,890.95 The puppy area is kept clean and sanitary.



LETA

JCH TRAMIN LETO



DOB December 8 2018

From Tramin Kennels in Odessa, Ukraine

Registration AKC #SS25638601

Sire: CH Ringokris Viva Primeiro (#UKU 0391190)

Dam: CH Tramin Para Tu Amor (#SR99341502)

Hip clearance: FCI A

Hip clearance: PennHip .46L/.37R

top 31% of all Golden retrievers tested

Hip clearance: OFA Good

Elbow clearance: FCI 0

Elbow clearance: OFA Normal

Eye clearance: FCI Normal

Eye clearance: OFA Normal

Heart clearance: FCI Normal

Heart clearance: OFA Normal

CHIC Number: 159856

DNA report: Embark

prcd-PRA status: clear (Embark)

PRA1 status: clear (Embark)

PRA2 status: clear (Embark)

Ichthyosis status: clear (Embark)

DM status: clear (Embark)

NCL status: clear (Embark)

KALE

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MAGIK'S LETTUCE EAT KALE FDC



DOB September 3 2013

Registration #SR80645802

Sire: Am CH/ Col CH&GCH/ Arg CH&GCH. Ag-Golden

Age Diamond Intican OS SDHF (#1 Golden in 2006)

Reg #SR23566501

Dam: CH De La Vega Love Story

Reg #SR63119201

Hip clearance: OFA Good

Eyes clearance: OFA Normal

Heart clearance: OFA Normal

Elbow clearance: OFA Normal

CHIC Number: 108502

prcd-PRA status: clear (Paw Print)

PRA1 status: clear (Paw Print)

PRA2 status: clear (Paw Print)

Ichthyosis status: clear (Paw Print)

DM status: clear (Paw Print)

NCL status: clear (Paw Print)

THE IMAGINATION LITTER

ROMA X STEAL



Our imagination became a reality when the Imagination Litter made their way into the world on December 7, 2021. With caregivers to ensure a successful birth, Roma successfully whelped 8 puppies; 4 each males and females.

All eight puppies from this litter will go through service dog training.

The Imagination Litter is Roma's second litter.

Her first litter, the Posh litter, is making a difference in lives.

Please see the testimony from one of the owners of an HSDs Posh Pup!

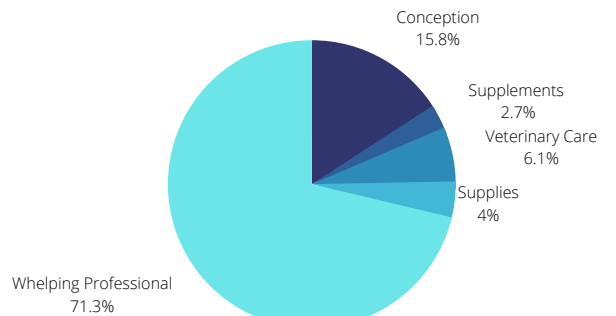


The cost to birth for The Imagination Litter to birth was \$12,625.62. Conception: \$2,000 Stud fee, litter conceived naturally.

Food & Supplements: \$342.52 High quality food and supplements provide all nutritional needs.

Veterinary Care and Whelping: \$9,775.72 HSD puppies have dedicated team of professionals and personal litter attendants from birth to eight weeks old.

Supplies: \$507.38 The puppy area is kept clean and sanitary.



ROMA

**DREAMDOGZ ROMANI FORTUNE
TELLER CGCA CGCU TKN
SERVICE DOG**



DOB Mar 23 2018
Registration #PR20715308
Sire: Mi Chesapeake On High Tide
Reg #PR19877303
Dam: Mi Layla Rose
Reg #PR19398303

Hip clearance: PennHip .27L/.31R
Hip clearance: OFA Good
Elbow clearance: OFA Normal
Eye clearance: OFA Normal
Heart clearance: OFA Normal
CHIC Number: 159867

DNA report: normal (Embark/Paw Print Genetics)
Degenerative Myelopathy DM: clear (Embark)
GM2 Gangliosidosis (Poodle Type): clear (Embark)
Neonatal Encephalopathy with Seizures: clear (Embark)
Osteochondrodysplasia: clear (Embark)
Progressive Retinal Atrophy, Progressive Rod-Cone Degeneration: clear (Embark)
Von Willebrand Disease I: clear (Embark)

STEAL

**GCHB DIAMOND SKY STEAL THE
MOMENT BCAT CA
#14 STANDARD POODLE IN THE US 2021**



DOB January 7 2018
Registration #PR20522802
Sire: Autumn Wind Of Oz
Reg #PR18084902
Dam: Diamond Sky Front Page News
Reg #PR15644203

Hip clearance: OFA Good
Elbow clearance: OFA Normal
Heart clearance: OFA Normal
Thyroid clearance: OFA Normal

DNA report: normal (Paw Print Genetics)
Degenerative Myelopathy DM: clear (Paw Print Genetics)
Neonatal Encephalopathy with Seizures: clear (Paw Print Genetics)
Progressive Retinal Atrophy, Progressive Rod-Cone Degeneration: clear (Paw Print Genetics)
Von Willebrand Disease I: clear (Paw Print Genetics)

ALEX & CALLIOPE: A POSH LITTER PUP

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A LIFE CHANGED

The day my life changed completely was July 2, 2020. My legs went numb after a short walk and I was hospitalized. I was in the neurological ICU for four days. The hospital was unable to find the source of the issue. I was sent home with a walker that I could barely use and a follow-up appointment in September. I spent that summer seeing doctors at every major hospital in New York and received no help. I decided to drive down to the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville with my father. This was probably the best decision we could have made! After extensive testing, I was diagnosed with Postural Orthostatic Tachycardia Syndrome (POTS). When I got home and researched POTS, I realized that I fit the criteria for Ehlers-Danlos syndrome EDS as well. The neurologists at the Jacksonville Mayo Clinic still wanted to conduct more testing. I returned in October 2020 for this testing and was also able to meet with an EDS specialist and other providers. The EDS specialist immediately diagnosed me with EDS. Genetic testing confirmed this diagnosis.

A NEW HOPE

One of the breeders I contacted recommended Hope Service Dogs. After learning their focus on my conditions, I reached out immediately. There were no standard poodle puppies available. I continued to search for a standard poodle puppy elsewhere. This caused me to realize that I definitely wanted a dog bred from HSD. I emailed to be added to the waitlist for their next standard poodle litter. The stars aligned; the universe finally decided to give me a win! You can imagine my excitement when HSD notified me that they actually had a female available from the Posh litter! I was ecstatic and immediately jumped on the opportunity. My puppy's name is Calliope and we call her Calli. She is the light of my life and I love her so much! I opted for the 16 week service dog training program through HSD. My husband and I picked up Calli in late July 2021. I was so grateful to be able to stay in Florida for a few days to work on training with HSD and everyone was so helpful!

A FUTURE WITH HOPE

It was absolutely evident to me from the very first day I spoke to her that Victoria's main desire is to help people. I have felt extremely supported throughout every step of this process. I still text Victoria frequently for questions, advice, and to celebrate accomplishments. I am currently working on owner-training Calli through the online program that HSD offers and her progress as a service dog is amazing. The rate at which Calli picks up new skills is amazing and our bond is secure. She knows that I am her person forever. While she is not completely task trained yet because she is still a puppy, I am confident she will be an amazing service dog who will change my life even more than she already has. She will give me my independence back. I will no longer have to be with someone else constantly in case I faint.

For the first time since July 2, 2020, I am hopeful about the future!



ANOTHER POSH PUP SUCCESS

Starting the Search

As I was searching for my service dog, a local trainer told me about Hope Service Dogs. They had a male standard poodle available. After researching HSD, I was so impressed with the high standards, early stimulation and testing done. I applied immediately! I did not know anything about the individual puppies, but I saw a picture of a little sleeping pup with a blue collar on. I didn't even know the sex, but I had a gut feeling that it was meant to be mine. Two weeks later, pairings were announced. My instinct was right!

A Perfect Match

Frankie is my service dog. Although he is still young and in training, he began giving me medical alerts when he was only two months old! He has given me so much confidence and peace of mind. I finally feel comfortable going out on my own. Frankie has already started giving me back my independence. He has given me the confidence to take an in-person class to start my college career!

Gaining Independence

Just today, he alerted me that I was going to pass out at the store. I sat on the ground. Frankie braced himself against me so I wouldn't hit my head when I started to lose consciousness. At 4 months old, he was able to perform excellently. He has a fantastic nose, and I know he is instinctively capable of medical alerts. HSD introduces puppies to scent at only a couple days old, and one of the reasons we were matched is because of how much he enjoyed the extensive scent work.



HAYLEIGH & GRACIE: FROM THE BEAUTY & THE BEAST LITTER

Hope for Answers

I have a service dog from HSD. Growing up, I was a completely healthy teenager with the exception of undiagnosed joint problems. As I got older, my joint issues became much more severe, dislocating on a daily basis. I thought it was because I was in so many sports.

At 18 years old, on my way to work one morning I got a flat tire. My heart began to race, which I assumed was from the stress. I got my tire fixed and went to work as a CNA. Later that day my heart began to race again. It was a way I had never experienced. A nurse checked my resting heart rate. It was 174 beats per minute. I was sent to the ER and the incident was written off as anxiety. Even though they said it was just anxiety, I was sent home for the day. I slept for over 14 hours when I got home, and my mom was extremely worried because of the heart issue I experienced. Every time I tried to stand, I experienced extreme vertigo.

I was taken to a different hospital where anxiety was diagnosed and I was prescribed medication. When we got home, I broke down. I told my mom I knew it wasn't simply anxiety. I've never felt like this before. We went to a different emergency room the next day because I couldn't even bathe myself without fainting. This emergency room doctor decided to admit me to run tests. After three days of tests and hospital food, I was diagnosed with postural orthostatic tachycardia syndrome (POTS). I was put on many medications that didn't help. I eventually had to drop out of nursing school; I was constantly passing out on my way to classes.

Hope for Assistance

My husband and I researched to see what things could benefit and help me regain my independence. One day, I found a YouTube video about a girl who had a service dog for her POTS. I was very intrigued and did more research to see how a service dog could benefit my situation. I also learned the requirements for a service dog, as well as the process. As time went on, diagnoses were piling up. My most disabling conditions are postural orthostatic tachycardia syndrome (POTS), Ehlers Danlos (ED) syndrome, and narcolepsy. I was no longer able to work, go to college or go to the store by myself without the fear of fainting. I wound up sitting on the floor many times during shopping trips. I decided a service dog would be beneficial for me and integral in helping me get my independence back.

I was searching for POTS service dogs specifically when I stumbled across Hope Service Dogs, Inc. They train service dogs specifically for POTS and EDS. I really felt like it was meant to be considering the rarity of my conditions. It was then that I messaged Victoria to be put on a waiting list.

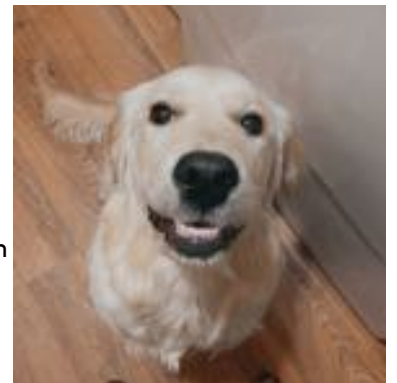
Hope for Independence

Gracie is a purpose-bred dog with amazing health lines and temperament. My husband and I are absolutely blown away by her! The whole ride home, 11 hours, she slept like a rock. We would stop at rest stops to let her use the bathroom, and she would immediately use the grass. Then she would get back in her crate and go right back to sleep.



That ride home made me convinced that we had chosen the perfect breeder. We stopped for her to use the bathroom and someone was mowing at the rest stop. I expected anxiety or fright. The lawnmower was less than 30 feet from us, and Gracie was only 9 weeks old! She had no hesitation - she didn't flinch, stare, bark, or whimper. I was absolutely AMAZED! The socialization and neurological stimulation HSD performs early in her life that even the loudest noises don't affect her at all.

At only a year old, Gracie has already changed my life so much. I now have a job that I love, and the confidence to go into any store I want to by myself, with her company of course. Gracie has given me back my independence, and I have the confidence to go back to college. I cannot recommend or praise HSD enough, they really care about the people and the puppies. They are so invested in their lives, they have become family.



DOMINICK & LETTY: OF THE SITH ORDER

Dominick's Story

Our family decided to look into a service dog for our son Dominick, who has non-verbal Autism. He elopes, and it was becoming very dangerous, especially in public. He is unaware of danger and could bolt any time, sometimes into potentially deadly situations, such as traffic. We were picky on breed. Dom does not like the texture of longer hair, but loves short coarse coats. He also stims on wagging dog tails, so we needed a dog with a short tail. The dog also had to be able to keep up with Dominick's energy.



Finding Hope

After deciding on a Doberman, we set out on our search for an organization that used Dobermans for service work. A friend of mine is a dog trainer, and she mentioned Hope Service Dogs. She follows Victoria as a trainer and has a lot of respect for her in the dog world. I reached out to her. After hearing so many people telling me that a Doberman wasn't a good fit, it was so refreshing to hear Victoria tell me that a Doberman would be excellent for our circumstances. From that point forward, I have put my full trust in them and Hope Service Dogs has been essential in meeting our service dog needs!

Hope for Letty's Family

We drove 9 hours to pick up our puppy and she is the best dog we have ever had! HSD has been amazing in our journey. Every question I have had, no matter what time it is, has been answered quickly and thoroughly. I am so happy that we were able to get our service dog in training from Hope Service Dogs. The peace of mind that I have knowing that Letty is going to change our lives for the better is priceless. I know when Letty goes for her board and train she will be in the best hands. I can't wait to see all of the amazing things Letty will do! We owe so much gratitude to Hope Service Dogs for helping make our lives easier and making our sweet little boy a lot safer!



HOPE FOR THE FUTURE SCHOLARSHIP

The more training a dog receives, the better they are able to perform their necessary tasks. Owners who are training their service dogs are welcome to apply for one of two scholarships offered by HSD. One scholarship is for the Heart & Soul Dog Training's Service Dog Secrets with Victoria Warfel online school. The online school has a cost of \$997. It is a step by step program teaching people how to train their service dog. The benefits of the online school include the ability to pace the training, the ability to train remotely, and the ability to review training as necessary.

The other scholarship is for the Heart & Soul Dog Training's Service Dog Secrets with Victoria Warfel in person school. The in person school is a NePoPo® Service Dog School presented at Heart & Soul Dog Training in Central Florida. This is an intense, immersive four day school for service dog training. It is presented by a certified NePoPo® Gold Premium trainer with over 17 years of training and utilizing service dogs, as well as many other training certifications. At this school, all aspects of service dog training are covered.

HSD aims to provide at least a minimum of two online and two in person school scholarships per year. Once granted, the scholarship must be used for the training team and the school applied for. It is not transferable. The application process begins on the Hope Service Dogs website at <https://hopeservicedogs.org/scholarships>.

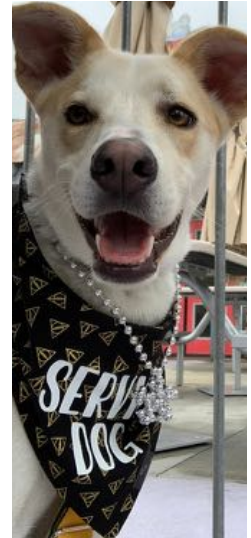


**HOPE SERVICE DOGS, INC
has awarded a total of FIVE
HOPE FOR THE FUTURE SCHOLARSHIPS.**

**THE FOLLOWING OCCURRED IN 2021:
ONE IN-PERSON IN JANUARY 2021 AT A COST OF \$700
ONE IN-PERSON IN APRIL 2021 AT A COST OF \$1,350.00
ONE ONLINE TRAINING SCHOLARSHIP WAS GRANTED FOR \$997**

HOPE FOR THE FUTURE SCHOLARSHIP: KAREY & FRANKIE

In 2020, with the support of my healthcare provider, I began the process of finding and owner-training my service dog. I was connected with a service dog trainer in New England, where I live. Hannalore Tice runs Boston for the Dogs. Hannalore has trained with, and is a close colleague of, Victoria Warfel of Hope Service Dogs. Before I had even brought my dog home, I was encouraged to enroll in Victoria's online service dog training. I went through the program on my own and have been using it with my service dog in an ongoing way over the last year of our training. Boston for the Dogs further encouraged me to attend Victoria's introductory service dog training in Florida. I had been fundraising for this but I did not yet have sufficient funds to attend the in-person course. This is when Victoria informed me about HSD's Hope for the Future scholarship program. I was generously offered a scholarship to attend in-person service dog training in April 2021.



My dog had just turned one, and it felt like we were at a critical juncture in her training. She had made great progress, but I needed additional instruction in how to work with her in order for her to reach her potential for service work. There were some issues in her training that I was unable to overcome on my own, and attending service dog school was exactly what we needed to address those challenges. Victoria's expertise and insights were critical to seeing us through some of the sticking points, and her confidence in us as a team renewed my faith in our capacity to succeed. This has deepened my commitment to, and enthusiasm for, the training process.

Attending service dog school through the HSD scholarship gave me the confidence to take our training to the next level. Having a disability and owner-training a service dog is hard work, and I really value the sense of community, support, and encouragement that was fostered at the school. I also greatly benefited from the breadth and depth of knowledge and techniques that were shared. My life has been transformed in numerous ways since working with my service dog, and the scholarship from HSD granting online and in-person training has been an integral part of that at every step. While my dog is still learning (and always will be), she is now able to task for me, is trustworthy and capable in her public access work. She is the best teammate I could have hoped to find. We continue to build on the skills we learned at service dog school, and I will always be grateful for the education and the increased access that the HSD Hope for the Future scholarship permitted my training. Having the opportunity to learn from Victoria's expertise was truly rewarding.



HOPE FOR THE FUTURE SCHOLARSHIP: LERITZA & FINN

Leritza, from Boston, MA, was awarded one of our Hope For The Future Training Scholarships from HSD. The NePoPo® Service Dog School was presented at Heart & Soul Dog Training in Central Florida in November 2020, and involved an intense, fully immersive four-day school for service dog training.

This scholarship allowed Leritza to attend with her service dog in training, Finn, in order to further their training. Leritza attended the in-person fully immersive school and spent the time training Finn in various settings, including his first conference/seminar setting, around other dogs and people. HSD is proud to have played a part in Leritza and Finn's journey.

From Leritza: Thanks to a scholarship from Hope Service Dogs, Inc, I attended the NePoPo® Service Dog Training School at Heart & Soul Dog Training. I spent 4 days learning, laughing and nerding out over dogs with amazing canine professionals!

I learned a new, complete training approach to raising Service Dogs, and got a glimpse at the incredible effort that goes into their breeding lines. Finn experienced working at his first seminar, with plenty of puppy naps in between.

2020 had been a rough year, but this was definitely a highlight. I'm incredibly grateful for the experience, and looking forward to putting what I learned into practice!



SOCIAL MEDIA

HSD is active on a number of social media platforms. This enables us to contribute to the community and expand our reach. We utilize social media as an informational and educational tool. HSD strives to spread awareness of the proper habits of a breeder and trainer, as well as service dog requirements.



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