

# SUMMIT ASSISTANCE DOGS

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## A "Peak" At What's Happening May, 2007

### UPCOMING "LOVE UNLEASHED" PRESENTATIONS

Please join us for a "pawsitively" inspirational presentation about Summit Assistance Dogs. Meet a graduate and watch as one of our highly-skilled dogs demonstrates just how it enriches the life of its partner. If you know anyone who may be interested in attending in the following areas please let them know about our upcoming presentations:

#### Lopez Island

Thursday May 17, 7-8 pm  
Lopez Community Center  
204 Village Road

#### Lacey

Monday June 25, 2-3 pm  
Panorama city Retirement Community  
1751 Circle Lane SE

#### Tacoma

Monday June 25, 7-8 pm  
Tacoma Area Coalition for Individuals with Disabilities  
(T.A.C.I.D.)  
6315 S 19th Street

### SCOUTING FOR A LIFELONG PARTNER

Scout, a 2-year-old mixed-breed dog, was adopted from the Skagit Valley Humane Society in Burlington in January. Scout was a stray and your guess is as good as ours regarding his breed mix. Judging by his large ears we think German Shepherd may be in there, but who knows, perhaps it is of Corgi lineage. Scout is one of the most easy-going dogs that we have ever seen. He is incredibly loyal and, like a German Shepherd, somewhat aloof with strangers. Quite different than the 'I love everyone' nature of the Retrievers.



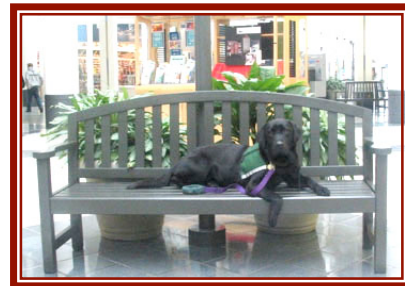
Scout is a very serious dog but does

occasionally let loose to play with the other dogs or leap for joy as he is heading for the car. He loves sleeping on a dog bed. Like his trainer, Debbie Craig, he is not fond of early mornings and is often still sleeping on his bed even after all of the humans and other dogs are moving about. Scout is a wonderful dog and learns quickly. We are currently "scouting" out a partner for this nice boy and should be placing him in September 2007. It is always incredibly rewarding to give a shelter dog a "new leash on life"!

### APPLICANT PROFILE: MAGGIE PETERSEN & ALKI

Please meet my new Service Dog, Alki, whom I received in March. Here she is, resting her paws after a long day of shopping at the mall.

The amazing thing about this picture is that we're at the mall, something I couldn't do before Alki came into my life. Have you ever tried to get your shoes out from under the bed while sitting in a wheelchair? Alki does that too.



The most important thing she does is "get the phone", which may save my life someday. Dozens and dozens of people made this possible with their donations to Summit.

*Alki & I thank you all so much!*

Maggie Petersen & Alki

### \$4000 GRANT RECEIVED FROM SEATTLE FOUNDATION

We were thrilled to receive a \$4,000 grant from the Seattle Foundation this past month for the purpose of training our service dogs. This is the fourth year we have received funding through this foundation and we are so grateful for the difference they are making in the lives of people with disabilities.

### THANK YOU MICROSOFT EMPLOYEES!

Microsoft employees have pledged over \$35,000 to Summit Assistance Dogs for 2007 through their workplace giving campaign. This money is matched by the Microsoft Corporation so that we receive over \$70,000 in funding!

We are so excited about the increased opportunities this gives to Summit Assistance Dogs as we work towards our 2007 goal of moving into a facility where we can train many more dogs each year. The need is great, with over 25 applicants waiting to receive their canine helpmates.

Microsoft employees are also volunteering many hours of their time to Summit helping with puppy raising, website development, outreach, etc. Volunteer meetings take place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month from 5-7 pm at the Redmond campus and we welcome anyone who is interested in getting involved. For information, contact Grant Richardson at [grant@summitdogs.org](mailto:grant@summitdogs.org).