



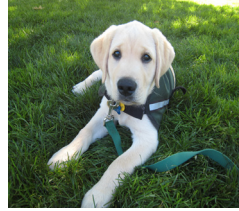
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C-Litter Puppy Update

Cypress
 Submitted by: Adinah Wyle
 Volunteer Puppy Raiser



Hey all! Cypress here! We C-litter pups have come such a long way since June. We're all 9 months going on 10! Can you believe it? Adinah's been making me do all these hard self-control exercises. I have to wait at most every door way and I can't even jump out of the car until she gives me the okay. But, she also plays fun games with me. Sometimes we play this game where I have to figure out what she wants, and when I get something right, she clicks the magic button (which Adinah calls a clicker). After she presses the magic button, one of my most favorite things in the world happens! I get a yummy treat! We sometimes play tug and run around the yard. I also get to chase Maddie, Adinah's yellow lab, around. I don't think Maddie likes me very much, but I still have a good time. We've also started going to dog parks. They're sooooo much fun. I get to play with other dogs and Adinah will call "come" and then gives me lots of treats when I run back to her. The water at Mary-moor can be sort of scary, but I always jump in after Maddie unless Adinah tells me "no." Adinah and I attend the Canine Good Citizenship class at the Humane Society. We do lots of hard things like sit-stay while someone pets us. It's really hard, but I'm very excited to learn new things. Though I love treats and learning new tricks, my most favorite thing in the world is to meet new people—so watch out world, here I come!

Volunteer Meetings

On March 23, we held our first volunteer meeting in Anacortes. We received some very good feedback and ideas on how to meet Summit's volunteer needs, and it was an enjoyable evening.

Our future scheduled meetings are:

Lopez Island. Monday, April 20 at 4:30 p.m. Hosted by Vicki Corliss at the Library. They have an interest in holding a fundraising event for Summit on the island.

Redmond/Bellevue & surrounding areas. Wednesday, May 6 at 7 p.m. Hosted by Kathleen Phillips at her home in Redmond.

Edmonds and surrounding areas. TBD If you would be interested in hosting a meeting in this area, please contact Rita Cooper.

If you have not or do not receive an e-mail invitation to one of the above meetings and wish to attend, please contact Rita Cooper at 360-293-5609 or rita@summitdogs.org. We would love to have you join us and hear your comments/suggestions. If you are unable to attend a meeting, always feel free to call or e-mail Rita with any comments/suggestions.

To the following volunteers who have assisted Summit in the month of March:



- Lydia Oakes - hosting volunteer meeting
- Nancy & John Killingsworth - attending volunteer meeting
- Martha Hall - attending volunteer meeting
- Barbara Smith - attending volunteer meeting
- Jan Hemme - attending volunteer meeting
- Sue Spencer - attending volunteer meeting
- Jolyn Deans - attending volunteer meeting and videotaping training class
- Carol Herbert - attending volunteer meeting
- Elaine Montgomery - transporting Chelan



Fundraising and awareness are key to our success. We encourage our volunteers to coordinate any fundraiser or host a booth within their local communities on Summit's behalf. Summit staff are always ready to provide marketing/booth materials or arrange for a dog demo and presentation.

The only way Summit can accomplish our goal is with the assistance of our wonderful volunteers.

We apologize if we inadvertently missed anyone.

Mark Your Calendars

Summit has set the date for a couple of our special events. Locations to be determined.

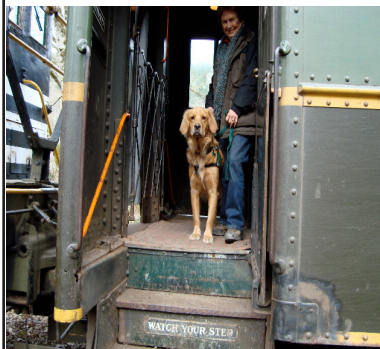
- Volunteer Appreciation Picnic**
 Saturday, June 20, 2009, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.
- Graduation**
 Saturday, October 17, 2009 - 2 p.m.

Spring Team Training

Team training has been set for our next group of applicant/dog pairs. April 27 will be the beginning of a new partnership for three of our applicants and their new canine partners. The applicants will go through two weeks of intense training on how to work with their new partners and get a glimpse of the many ways their lives will be enhanced.

Adams Takes the Train

Adams, one of Summit's dogs in training, takes his first train ride with his foster mom/trainer, Jan Hemme of Anacortes. Jan said he did very well.



**Please Join Us For
 Dogs & Desserts
 Our Spring Fundraiser**

Tuesday, May 12
 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
 Fidalgo Bay Resort
 4701 Fidalgo Bay Road, Anacortes

Enjoy complementary dessert, wine and coffee. Meet some of our puppies and dogs in training and hear an update on our important work.

Space is limited. Please RSVP by Friday, May 8 to 360-293-5609 or info@summitdogs.org.

We Rely On Our Donors

It is only through the generous support of our donors that we are able to continue to do our important work of changing lives four paws at a time. To make a donation, you may send a check to our mailing address or on-line at our website. Summit also welcomes stocks, bonds and mutual funds, as well as vehicle donations. You might consider naming Summit in your will. Your bequest can make a difference in the lives of others for years to come. Contact us for details.