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Raiser of the Month

September-October 2020

Helen...a blessing with angel wing markings!

The night before Helen left for IFT, I felt the lump in my throat. The feeling was a mixture of sadness and joy. Sure, I would miss Helen; but, the joy Helen brought to my life out weighted the sadness.



Stacey and daughter greeting Helen for the first time

Helen was a blessing – she even had angel wing markings on her back to prove it. Her speckled ears were so soft and beautiful and so comforting to pet. Helen loved everyone...her rear-end would wiggle like crazy whenever anyone would come over to the house. She wanted to be everyone’s best friend. Well, she certainly was my BFF this past year (pst...don’t tell my pet dog Riley).

Helen was a great companion. She pretty much followed me around all day – while I was on the toilet, in the shower, getting dressed, blow drying my hair, doing the laundry. When she wasn’t following me, Helen was following Riley around. I think Riley will be the only one in the house happy to see Helen go.



When quarantine happened, I had to share Helen with the other four people in the house. Helen became a study-buddy and pleasant distraction to my daughters. Helen loved doing yoga and workout videos with the girls. When she heard them filling up their Hydroflasks with ice, Helen would come running – she loved ice cubes! Helen loved getting up early with my husband and Riley while the rest of us slept in. Saturday was my morning with Helen to garden and investigate bugs together.

After a recent Zoom church session, the five of us watched Helen’s IFT video. She did such a great job. I guess all those days vacuuming, blow-drying my hair in front of a fan, walking over ladders and bug watching with Helen paid off.

She will make a great mom or guide dog one day. Thank you GEB for trusting me with Helen this past year. Whatever her future holds, Helen will continue to be a blessing to everyone she meets.



Casey, Stacey, Bridget, Gillian & Megan with Helen



Raiser of the Month

Demi...always something to look forward to!

I will forever remember Demi, that's a given, and will always be grateful to her for being with us during this pandemic. Having her at my feet brought me comfort. She was a source of laughter, a set of ears to listen and a distraction from the news.



She was something to look forward to every day. She gave me encouragement by showing me she was learning what I was teaching her. She made me proud to take her out in public and she made me look good.

Sadly, the time has come, and it always comes too soon, for her to move on and start her next chapter. I hope she has had as much fun with us as we have had with her.



Best to you sweet Demi.
Your loving raiser, Cindy and Family

Fun Places to Go

Salem, on a recent sit with raiser Elena and Georgie where he got to practice crate training and swimming together. But more exciting was when Salem learned about the heart/lung machine at Elena's workplace.

Let us know where you like to take your pup for outings



Don't you recognize me? I'm Saxon, currently in training in NY. One of the staff sent my "mug shot" to my Montgomery Region raiser-Jody.

CJ won't let Larson's socialization skills go by the wayside he gets to check out the sunflower field at McKee Beshers Wildlife Mgmt. area and also practices his footings at a local playground.



After earning her Canine Good Citizen award in 2019 (pictured), Java recently earned her Urban Canine Good Citizen award by demonstrating great composure and connection around a series of difficult distractions.

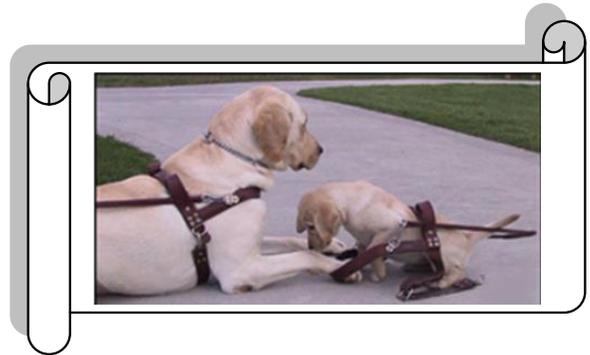


Lollie attending the March on Washington Rally in Washington, DC. She was an inspiration to all and lifted up many peoples' spirits.





***Fundraising in our communities
Will help me grow into this
harness!***



The Montgomery Region is highly dependent upon donations and the monies received support class space, crates, medications and other items for our pups in training. In order to maintain this support for our volunteers and pups in training, monetary contributions are always needed.

So, how can you help? Take the time to look around your community, or inquire at your place of work or worship. You may be able to identify a business, organization or individual looking to either sponsor or contribute to a worthwhile non-profit organization.

- Restaurants – Many local restaurants will partner and host a non-profit lunch/dinner
- Retail stores – Many stores will host a shopping event
- Place of work – Is your place of work looking to make a tax deductible contribution, or already has a matching charitable contribution program
- Financial organizations, grocery stores, sororities and fraternities...can they donate
- Yard sale –Is there a yard sale in your community in which we can participate
- GEB is on the national list of non-profit participating agencies for the Combined Federal Campaign #10248

Reach out to the Region’s management team. Jeanvne and Jean, with your ideas.

Listed are contributions to date for 2020

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of each month*



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