



International Hearing Dog, Inc.
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February Hearing Dog Herald



Shandy and Brandy go to Denver University

On February 9th, our trainers took Shandy and Brandy, our pups in training to Denver University to connect with Master's Students in the Graduate School of Social Work. This was an opportunity to provide students with the education and hands-on experience of what it would be like to intern with International Hearing Dog. Brandy, a Doodle who is in her advance stage of training, demonstrated sound alerts; while Shandy, a lab puppy just beginning his training journey, shared a lot of love and cuddles! It was a great experience for both dogs and, we hope, informative and helpful for the students.

Trainer Talk

Service dogs learn all kinds of cues in professional training. Their day is full of training, play time, and public outings. These activities are important, but what is just as important is learning how to settle and use their "off switch".

Holding a down position can be surprisingly hard, especially when other dogs and people are nearby. As much as we want our dogs to be active and engaged with their environment, we also need them to know how

to keep calm around distractions and use their impulse control.



Hearing Dog Handler

"Recently I had a great experience with Enzo spontaneously alerting me to the intercom buzzer unexpectedly going off one evening (wrong number by a delivery driver). I was relaxing reading and Enzo was sleeping on his bed nearby. He jumped up right away and came over to me and then quickly went to the door. While a less than perfect nudge, his intention and desire to alert me was unmistakable. It was a really nice moment. I was so pleased and he was happy after getting lavish praise and a treat."

- Hearing Dog Client, Jan



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In addition, United airlines will graciously award International Hearing Dog 50,000 miles upon reaching our goal of collecting 250,000 donated miles in support of our mission. We have reached our goal and have currently raised 276,548 miles! If you still have miles you are interested in donating please donate by March 12th, 2024!

Raised miles for International Hearing Dog would support our organization in Service Dog training, acquisition, travel and client visits.



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