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“Still here, still raising puppies, training teams, and serving our community.”

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Another COVID year has come and gone, and we are still here. Won't lie, we had some days, you know, THOSE days. While we remained mostly cloistered, we were a little more prepared and adept at dealing with pandemics this year.

Susan was able to hold some live sessions with puppy raisers. Mitch always there to help. Thanks, Mitch. We did host our longtime friends and visited a few facilities. And, we had lots of time to catch-up on paper and plan. Let's see.

We revamped our website with a whole new look and feel. We made some awesome hats and visors. (Yeah, that's my dad, proudly sporting our cap in old Cape Cod.) We caught-up with every State and City & County agency you could possibly imagine. We figured out some new things about our underwriting. We rewrote our By Laws - still working on that. We added a lawyer to our Advisory Board, Susan's niece, Karen Bernstein, and we snagged ourselves a new Board Member, Jodie Miller. She and Susan went to the same certification program. Jodie is ADI certified and is responsible for dog management for most major television and movie production on the island of O'ahu. We could not be more blessed to have her on the team. As Susan reminded us, we graduated 6 working teams and we have 5 program dogs in training. We also placed a facility dog at Wahiawa Health Clinic. And Josie did give us a heathy small litter of labradoodles - pictures at the end of the newsletter. With the new litter we now have more clients-3 veterans, young autistic adult and social worker at Kahi Mo Hala.



We also started a cool partnership with Punahou's CASE Center for Student Entrepreneurship. Looks like they will help us set-up our eCommerce and have ideas for products we can sell online. They're already creating stickers and things for us.

We're still hunting down partnerships with QLT and Hickam. Fingers crossed; they will materialize this year. And, it looks like old friends, Harmony Chapter No.4 Order of the Eastern Star, will help sponsor a dog. If that comes through, we end another year financially pretty much where we started. That's amazing.

Thank you, all a million times, over.



Matt Lorin
Executive Director

ALOHA 2022!



It's been nice, even relaxing at times but were ready, willing, and able to hit the pavement and visit our friends out in the community again this year. We got a nice taste of the "olden days" in November when we were invited by Representative Patrick Pihana Branco of House District 50 (Kailua- Kāne'ohe Bay) to thank the wonderful staff at Castle Adventist Health Center for their on-going care during COVID. We also partnered up with Project Vision in bringing our dog teams to 7 vaccination sites for kids in Honolulu.

The dogs did a great job as distractors and comforters to the kids waiting for their shots. We did manage to graduate 6 working teams this year, wasn't the easiest or the best way to train but our excellent puppy raisers helped to pull this off. We're so proud of all the hard work and accommodations everyone put into accomplishing this task during COVID quarantine. Want to start this year by remembering all our loyal dogs that have left us and our friends, Charlene Hasabe and Patrick Hamlow. They are greatly missed by our Fi-Do family.



So, here's to a better healthier New Year - we're so ready for it!

OUR DOG TEAM UPDATES

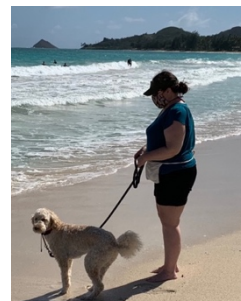
Congratulations to our new teams!



Frank and service dog Luca



Ken and service dog Jake



Jenny and Jane



Jax-Facility Dog Wahiawa Health Center



Jordon and service dog Faith with Linda as caregiver/handler



Barbara and service dog Lincoln

LITTER NEWS

No names yet but we lovingly refer to them as the P- litter.

That's it for us, just a little puppy love before we go.

Thank you all for your unwavering support.

Aloha,

Susan

